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Planting seeds of 'positive change'



Colleen Ritchie, spokeswoman for Shelter Nova Scotia, poses for a photo in a newly built community garden near Metro Turning Point on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Construction a nice Christmas present.

Shelter Nova Scotia builds first-ever community garden

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An empty lot beside a men's shelter in downtown Halifax is now the site of a community garden, bringing a sense of purpose for those who stay there and "positive change for themselves."

Shelter Nova Scotia spokeswoman Colleen Ritchie said the 4,500-square-foot garden went in beside the Metro Turning Point on Barrington Street earlier this week after receiving funds from area councillor Wayne Mason.

"It gives them a way to get some physical activity and be part of something," Ritchie said Thursday. "We're going to grow salad things because they grow abundantly, and they're fresh food we can feed to people right away."

The Metro Turning Point

only provides snacks, since current funding is "stretched" to cover the shelter, Ritchie said, so the garden will allow them to get their own salad greens, tomatoes and maybe strawberries for making pasta sauces, chili and other meals by renting another kitchen.

Although Ritchie said there isn't much opportunity to do planting this time of year, it has taken time working with HRM to get permission to use

Ritchie said, but this is their first community garden in Halifax.

Halifax is lucky to have the Common Roots Urban Farm and Hope Blooms garden as good examples of what these projects can do, Ritchie said. Such initiatives provide people with camaraderie, hope, and transferable skills they can put on a resume showing responsibility.

It's also a place where cli-

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"I want it to belong to the people that are staying with us." Colleen Ritchie, Shelter Nova Scotia spokeswoman

the lot for at least the next two years, so the garden construction is a nice Christmas present.

Over the winter, Ritchie said staff will talk with clients at the Turning Point to find out what they want to plant, organize community volunteers, and hire a part-time person to run the garden for five months.

Shelter Nova Scotia has had clients help with landscaping projects at different shelters,

ents can share a positive experience with people in the community they might not see otherwise, Ritchie said.

"Sometimes when you are not in a place where you can nurture yourself, nurturing something else like a plant and seeing it grow ... you learn new things about yourself," Ritchie said.

"Even for skeptics ... I think once they experience it they'll be able to see that positive change for themselves."



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Moment of silence

Events to mark
97 years since
Halifax Explosion

The 97th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion will be commemorated on Saturday with an official ceremony at Fort Needham Hill Bell Tower, followed by several receptions and memorial events.

The official ceremony will take place from 8:50 a.m. to 9:20 a.m., corresponding to the time when the Imo and Mont Blanc crashed into each other 97 years earlier. More than 2,000 people were killed and 9,000 injured as a result of what was, at the time, one of history's deadliest man-made explosions.

The ceremony will include a memorial prayer and moment of silence, recognition of survivors and the laying of memorial wreaths. METRO

Gardening program

Hope Blooms
opening new HQ
on Cornwallis St.

Hope Blooms, the Halifax-based community support organization best known for its salad dressings and appearance on CBC's Dragons' Den, will be opening a brand new headquarters on Friday.

The location at 5527 Cornwallis St. will provide a home base for the group that has been operating a community garden since 2008 and now supplies food for dozens of people.

The celebration that begins at noon will feature a ribbon cutting, raffle prizes and the unveiling of a new line of dressings. METRO

Halifax's 'hidden gem'

Master plan initiated.

Residents envision new ways to commemorate at Fort Needham Memorial Park

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Pat Kipping remembers when she used to take her children exploring in a small patch of forest they pretended was the Hundred Acre Woods, after the fictional world of Winnie the Pooh.

Years later, Kipping now sits at a table in front of a map of Fort Needham Memorial Park, dotting a yellow sticker on top of those same woods, marking where she wants to see more trees and flowers planted.

She places another yellow sticker in the centre of the map, where she points out an oak tree grove is located, saying it would make the perfect spot for a new amphitheatre.

"The park would be designed around encouraging all different kinds of storytelling and story listening, so stories in music, in songs," she explained.

"I like that idea, Pat, I'm with you on that," said Janet Maybee, who sat next to her and later explained that she recently found wild apple trees near the tennis courts.



Fort Needham Memorial Park in Halifax on Thursday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Have your say

Staff plan to host a second public consultation meeting in the spring, then begin the approval process for the master plan in June.

More than 40 residents gathered together at the United Memorial Church on Young Street Thursday evening to dream up future plans for the park, located in the heart of Halifax's north end.

The community brainstorming session was the first stage of the city's process to

begin writing a master plan for the future development of the site.

"It's kind of like a hidden gem," staffer Carolle Kozia Roberts said afterwards. "Not a lot of people, unless you're local, really know about this park."

The site stands as a memorial to the 2,000 casualties of the 1917 Halifax Explosion, and with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the tragedy, Roberts believes it's no wonder regional council initiated a master plan.

She explained the goal of the plan is to "balance" the park's function as both a herit-

age site and recreational centre, which features a memorial bell tower, sports field and off-leash dog area.

Staff have hired planning and design firm Ekistics to guide the process.

"A memorial park is more than just a name, it's more than just a dedication," the firm's Devin Segal told Thursday's crowd.

Marking clearer boundaries for the off-leash dog area, improving maintenance and creating more interactive commemorative art were only a few of the suggestions residents shared after a series of workshops.

Road rage led to parking lot fight: Police

A 29-year-old man from Lower Sackville is in hospital with serious injuries, which police say are related to a road rage incident that led to a fight in a Halifax-area parking lot.

Police say the incident

began with tailgating between two vehicles on an unspecified roadway.

The drivers then confronted each other in the parking lot of a grocery store at 3650 Hammonds Plains Rd.

around 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The two men began fighting, with the 29-year-old suffering serious injuries. He was taken to hospital by paramedics.

A 28-year-old man from

Dartmouth was arrested at the scene and has been released to appear in court at a later date.

Police say there's no indication the two men knew each other prior to the incident.

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Sean Street begins flooding the Emera Oval on Thursday in preparation for the upcoming skating season. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Time to sharpen your skates: Emera Oval is poised to open

December 15. With cool weather and little rain or snow, Haligonians could soon be skating circles

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HRM spokeswoman Jen-

nifer Stairs said on Thursday the city is on track to open the Emera Oval on the Halifax Common on Dec. 15 — weather depending, of course.

"A lot of rain or a particularly warm stretch of weather could affect that. A whole lot of snow could affect that as well," Stairs said.

Temperatures can hover above zero degrees for the oval to come together, Stairs said, but warmer

than that, or with a dose of rain and heavy snow, the ice wouldn't freeze properly.

The oval opened the same time in 2013, on Dec. 16, Stairs said.

Although meteorologists have been predicting Nova Scotia is in for a milder winter than last year's, Stairs said the city is not worried it will derail too much skating time.

"We're not overly concerned," Stairs said. "We're

going to have to wait and see obviously how warm is warm."

Residents can also register for free skating lessons starting on Dec. 10, which cater to people of all ages.

"Maybe new immigrants or people who haven't been on ice a whole lot, or adults who just never were able to learn," Stairs said.

"It helps to make things a little more enjoyable when it's cold."

As in past years, skates and helmets are available to rent for free if you have a photo ID.

Residents seem to love using the outdoor skating rink, Stairs says, as they see the numbers of skaters "growing steadily" each year.

Stairs said the city is still in the "planning stages" of different special events to be held at the Oval this winter, but could confirm

More info

Visit skatehrm.ca for public skating hours, special events, condition updates, and to view a calendar of Emera Oval programs.

there will be a New Year's event with live music and fireworks like there was last year.

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Two dogs look out the window of a vehicle parked with only its window slightly down. The picture is a photo illustration taken in 2012, and both dogs were out of the vehicle within a minute. JEFF HARPER/METRO

SPCA can now 'act boldly' to do jobs

Animal rescue. Changes to the Animal Protection Act allow SPCA to break car windows to save dogs in danger

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Nova Scotia SPCA officers will now be able to break car windows to rescue dogs in distress, among other regulatory changes announced on Thursday.

"These changes will make sure we can act boldly to be able to do our jobs," said Elizabeth Murphy, CEO of the Nova Scotia SPCA.

The amendments to the Animal Protection Act came into effect on Tuesday and include fines from \$200 to \$700 for a variety of offences, including leaving an animal tethered outside for more than 12 hours



Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell JEFF HARPER/METRO

at a time and causing an animal distress by leaving it in a hot or cold car.

The new regulations apply to both cats and dogs and also contain a provision mandating a veterinarian certificate of health before the sale of any cat or dog.

"The next step will be to train vets, police and special constables on these new regu-

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The new fine for leaving a cat or dog unattended in a vehicle under conditions that could cause distress

lations and how to enforce them," said Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell, who announced the changes on Thursday.

Colwell said many of the new regulations are aimed at making it easier to go after operators of puppy mills and other large-scale enterprises that may engage in animal abuse.

In the past, SPCA officers relied on police to break windows, Murphy said.

She added that she hopes up to 20 enforcement officers will soon be scattered across the province to help enforce the new regulations and standards.

Cops search for shoeless man in assault

Police in Halifax were on the hunt Thursday for a shoeless man alleged to have been involved in a serious domestic assault.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to Central Avenue around 7 a.m. after a woman was assaulted and a man, with no shoes on, fled the scene. Cops say the women's injuries weren't life-

Request

Anyone with information on the suspect's whereabouts is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police.

- Police said on Thursday that it was believed the suspect might have a knife on him.

threatening. Officers were primarily in the Dawn Street area looking for the suspect,

described by police as black, in his 20s and wearing black shorts. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Union certification 'snapshot rule' unfair, contractors say

Labour laws. Industry calls for changes to allow all employees to vote, not just those working on day application is filed

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Dozens of concerned members of Nova Scotia's construction industry met on Thursday to protest what they see as unfair rules governing union certification.

Chief among the complaints was the "snapshot rule," where only employees who are working on the day that a union application is filed may vote.

For example, if only three people are working on a given day and two vote to join a union, all other employees become members without being able to vote if they weren't at work. These votes often occur on weekends, when very few employees are typically at work.

"Where is the justice?"



Michael Kydd, president of Merit Nova Scotia, speaks to the media at RCS Construction in Bedford on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Where is the fairness?" asked Marcel MacQuarrie of Precision Concrete.

According to Michael Kydd of Merit Nova Scotia, which organized the meeting, 400

companies have been unionized since 2000 under the snapshot rule. Kydd said in almost all cases the companies wouldn't have been unionized if all employees had been allowed to vote.

"This issue is all about employee rights," Kydd said.

"We have no voice, we have no say," added Greg Cole of Cole Built, whose remarks drew strong applause. "It's

embarrassing that we have to gather here to get what's ours."

The meeting was organized following a decision last week by the Nova Scotia Labour Board regarding CanMar Contracting Ltd., in which two employees were unable to vote on the unionization of their company because they had the day off.

Among other things, Merit

Nova Scotia is asking for a change to the snapshot rule to allow all employees to vote on whether or not a company will be unionized.

Many speakers also emphasized they are not opposed to unions, just the rules surrounding certification.

"It's not about union bashing," Cole said. "We need to have a voice and we need to have a vote."

Nova Scotia's transportation minister says an ongoing review of the province's aging ferry fleet is not considering privatization as an option.

Geoff MacLellan says his department is looking at ways to improve service on the province's seven ferry runs while getting the best value for taxpayers.

MacLellan says the cost to operate the nine-vessel fleet, which includes two replacement ferries, is about \$9 million, while the service only brings in about \$1 million in revenue.

He says many of the ferries are approaching 30 years of service and decisions have to be made about how to proceed.

MacLellan says in the case of Cape Breton's Englishtown ferry, a separate feasibility study is comparing the value of the service with the potential costs of a bridge for the area.

In the meantime, he says the Englishtown ferry, which has been undergoing a refit at a Pictou drydock since July, could be ready to return to service within the next week or more.

MacLellan says he will attend a public meeting Dec. 17 with the residents of Tancock Island to discuss their ferry, which was taken out of service last month for engine repairs.

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"We've had to cancel jobs on Saturday because of the union rumour."

Jamie Cameron of Bird Construction, speaking in opposition to the snapshot rule.

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Shoplifting. Photos shared by public help in arrest

Halifax police are thanking the public for tips that led to the arrest of an alleged shoplifter Wednesday night.

Between Oct. 15 and Nov. 22, Halifax Regional Police officers responded to multiple thefts from the Atlantic Superstore on Portland Street in Dartmouth, from where over \$3,000 worth of items ranging from electronics to kitchen appliances and toys were stolen, police said.

Police released pictures of a suspect on Tuesday, which they say generated "a number of tips" from the public.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, officers on patrol noticed the suspect driving in Dartmouth and

arrested him after he pulled into a parking lot.

Christopher Neil Horsman, 24, of Dartmouth was held in custody overnight and appeared in Dartmouth provincial court Thursday to face seven counts each of theft under \$5,000, possession of stolen goods under \$5,000 and breach of probation.

Horsman was also ticketed under the Motor Vehicle Act for driving while his licence is revoked.

In a release, police said they wanted to thank those who shared the pictures on social media and called in with tips.

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RCMP investigates cooper wire theft

Halifax District RCMP are investigating a break-in at a residential construction site, where they say coils of copper wire were stolen.

On Tuesday, RCMP in Tan-

tallon responded to reports of a break-in around 8:30 a.m. at a residential construction site on Amac Lane.

According to a release, RCMP have determined the suspects pried open a side door of the home to get inside, and "numerous coils" of copper wire were taken.

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Blaze leaves significant damage to Kingswood home

Investigators on the scene of a Hammonds Plains house fire Thursday to try to determine the cause of a blaze that ripped through the roof of the house. Three people had to be removed from the home by firefighters who were called around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. Nobody was hurt. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Pedestrian collisions spike in November

Police stats. Marked increase over previous years reinforces police message to drivers: 'Be cognizant people will be crossing.'

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Newly released police statistics suggest a big rise in pedestrian-vehicle collisions over the last month was at least partly related to bad weather.

The November figures show 18 more collisions in Halifax Regional Police jurisdiction than in October, and 15 more than in November 2013.

"We keep trying to educate as much as possible, enforcing every time we have a report of these collisions, but they keep happening," said spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Seventeen of the November accidents happened in bad weather, compared to six in October.

Twenty-nine of the acci-

dents happened in darkness and eight in daylight, compared to eight in darkness and 11 in daylight in October.

But Bourdages said weather is only one factor, noting several incidents in the last week involved drivers making left-hand turns.

"So when you do turn, you have to be cognizant that people will be crossing, they have the right of way to cross at the intersection," he said. "And you have to look for them."

Police responded to two more accidents Wednesday afternoon and one Thursday evening.

The drivers involved in both Wednesday incidents were ticketed for failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. No charges had been laid in the Thursday evening incident, which did not happen in a crosswalk.

Although Bourdages said road safety is a shared responsibility, he pointed out that it's drivers who are getting most of the tickets.

"In the vast majority of these collisions, drivers are at fault," he said. "So really, drivers have to pay attention."

Drivers in the wrong

90

Police gave 90 tickets to drivers involved in car-pedestrian collisions from January to November. Thirteen pedestrians were ticketed in the same time frame.

On Wednesday

Crosswalk collisions

A 54-year-old woman crossing Coburg Road in a marked crosswalk was hit by a vehicle making a left turn, around 8 p.m. on Wednesday. The woman was sent to hospital.

Also on Wednesday, a 64-year-old woman crossing South Street in a marked crosswalk was hit by a vehicle making a left turn. The woman was also sent to hospital.

In both cases, drivers were issued a ticket. METRO

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Chignecto-Central Board eyes transgender issues

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) is creating guidelines for accommodating transgender and non-conforming staff and students.

"It's not important if they are transgender; what's important is that they know they are safe, respected and protected," said Debbie Buott-Matheson, CCRSB's communications spokeswoman.

Buott-Matheson said the discussion stems back to a recent situation in which a transgender student "very much wanted to use the female washroom." The school board realized the topic needed to be discussed and changes made.

"The board recognized there's a gap right now.... We need to provide support and be well-equipped," Buott-Matheson said.

Final report

The board is waiting for a final report on provincial transgender guidelines. No specific timeline has been given for the report.

A draft guideline report was discussed at this week's board committee meeting in Truro.

Some guideline changes have been implemented, such as encouraging the use of proper pronouns in everyday language and providing educational videos and web links.

Buott-Matheson confirmed a few gender-neutral washrooms have been added "in some (school) sites" and more may be installed in the future based on more discussion.

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Readiness

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Debbie Buott-Matheson, CCRSB's communications spokeswoman

Northfield. Woman rams vehicle into pedestrian

Lunenburg RCMP say no charges have been laid, but officers are still investigating a collision between a car and a pedestrian in Northfield.

Police responded Wednesday around 4 p.m. to a report of an injured man who had been hit by a vehicle, according to a release.

Investigators found a 23-year-old man had been hit by a car driven by a 56-year-old woman.

Police say the driver was

Cause

The RCMP release states that this was not a random act, and the two parties are known to one another.

arrested near the scene and held in custody overnight, and the man was treated at the hospital in Bridgewater for non-life-threatening injuries. METRO

Thomas Ted Barrett.

Cape Breton man opts to proceed to trial after testimony at hearing

A Glace Bay man charged with second-degree murder in connection to the death of a 21-year-old woman will appear in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in January to receive a trial.

Thomas Ted Barrett, 39, was scheduled to have a preliminary hearing on the charge this week, but after one day of evidence being presented, Barrett

consented to being committed to stand trial.

He is now scheduled to appear in Supreme Court on Jan. 26 to receive a trial date.

The hearing, before provincial court judge William MacDonald in Sydney, heard testimony from two police officers and two civilians before Barrett and his lawyer, Brian Bailey, opted to proceed to trial.

Crown attorneys Kathryn Pentz and Diane MacGrath were prepared to call as many as seven witnesses.

Any evidence presented at the hearing will be banned from publication until a ver-

dict is rendered.

Barrett is charged with second-degree murder in the connection to the May 2012 death of Laura Catherine Jessome, 21, of Bras d'Or. Morgan James MacNeil is a co-accused in that case.

A preliminary hearing for both accused is scheduled for June.

Barrett is also charged in the death of Brett Elizabeth McKinnon, who was first reported missing in 2006. Hunters found her skeletal remains on Nov. 21, 2008. The last reported contact with MacKinnon was June 8, 2006. CAPE BRETON POST

Jail attack

In June, Thomas Ted Barrett, 39, was stabbed several times by five other inmates in the day room at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

- The five accused are facing a variety of charges, including attempted murder, aggravated assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

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Churchgoers forgiving after losing 'priceless' items to fire



Parishioners of St. Mary's Polish Parish say that if the blaze that destroyed their iconic house of worship is deemed accidental, they will harbour no ill feelings toward the contractors working on the roof.

While the investigation is still officially ongoing, parish council president Tom Urbaniak said the initial probe indicates the Saturday blaze was most likely accidental.

"We are reaching out to the roofing contractors in friendship and sympathy," said Ur-

baniak. "We want them to know that we ... understand that this was an accident and we want them to keep their spirits high."

Urbaniak said investigators have been salvaging whatever they can and have come up with some vestments, a burned lectionary, some sheet music and pieces of stained glass.

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Memorial award created to honour woman with 'world-winning smile' killed in collision

Friends and family of a 24-year-old woman killed in a head-on collision near Falmouth this week are starting a memorial award in her honour.

The obituary for Emma Kate DiCara Tichenor, a Wolfville resident from New Jersey, paints a picture of a young woman with a passion for travel and love of wildlife.

"Her world-winning smile, wonderful mind and quiet, ever-thoughtful manner will be cherished always," the obituary reads.

DiCara Tichenor, a graduate of Dalhousie University and the University of Wellington in New Zealand, was working as a junior project biologist for a co-operative project led by Acadia Univer-

sity and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Mike O'Brien, a manager of sustainable wildlife use for DNR, first met DiCara Tichenor when she joined DNR's division in Kentville as a co-op student in 2010.

"It was clear that this was somebody worth putting some time into, and she certainly put time into it and

interest into it. (She would) thrive at every opportunity you gave her to learn," said O'Brien, who mentored DiCara Tichenor in several term positions.

The Emma Tichenor Student Award fund will be established at Acadia University to support and encourage work relating to black bears.

HANTS JOURNAL



Hope Swinimer has helped rehabilitate thousands of wild animals with the help of her volunteers and benefactors. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

Building more Hope for Wildlife

Raising funds to raise the roof. \$800K needed for new structure to take the pressure off society's 100-year-old barn

even a hospital now on site.

Through all the changes, the one thing that has remained the same is the society's big, 100-year-old red barn. But it wasn't built to stand the test of time as a wildlife rehabilitation centre.

The nurseries, lunch rooms and aviaries contained within these walls have seen many joys and fond farewells and more than enough sad goodbyes, says Swinimer.

"It's time to give this old barn a break and build something designed to meet the daily needs and challenges of caring for injured and orphaned wildlife."

The society's overall fundraising goal is \$800,000 for the new structure. Benefactor Mitchell Fenton, who passed away in March, left \$300,000 to the group.

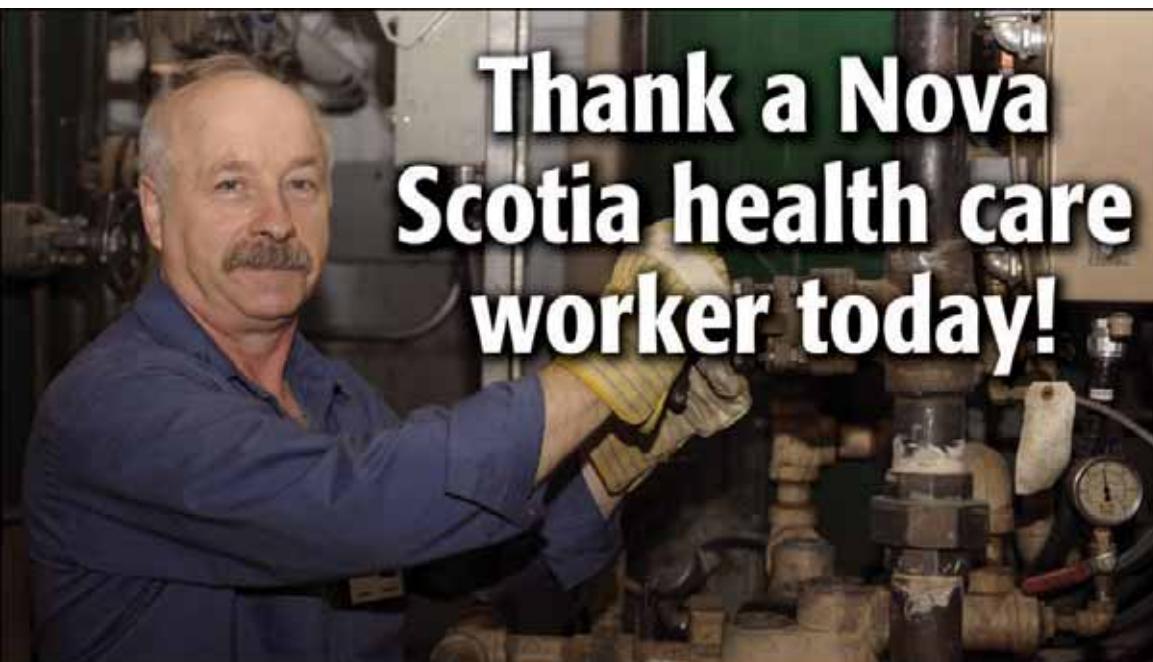
The funds enabled the society to start the barn after months of design. The new building incorporates valuable experience learned through wildlife rehabilitation in the past 20 years.

It will have multiple nurseries and aviaries, much needed storage space for food and supplies, and a place for volunteers to take a break from their hard work. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

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- A so-called 'Health Authorities Act' (Bill 1) that will force unionized workers into four new bargaining units of the government's choosing, while charging ahead with their plan to merge nine District Health Authorities into one

The 24,000 hard-working, dedicated women and men in our health care system are its very backbone, yet they've basically been treated like furniture by this provincial government and are now facing uncertainty and upheaval in their working lives.

So during this difficult and challenging time, CUPE believes it's critical that we actually take some time to celebrate our health care workers.

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PETA has a ‘rotten’ idea

Extreme messaging.

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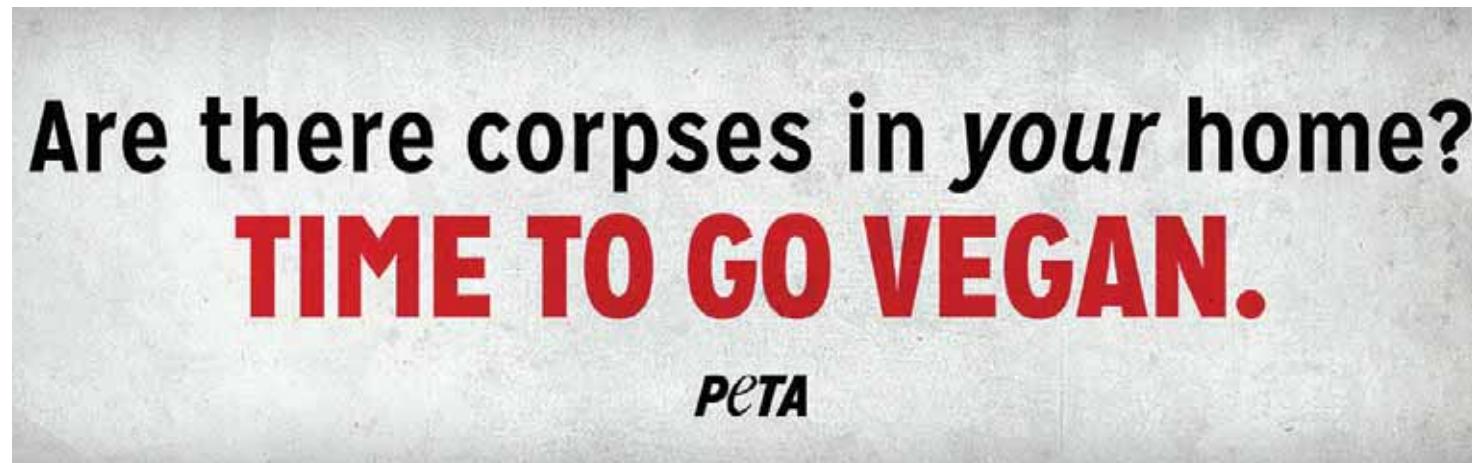


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Animal-rights activists with PETA are hoping to plaster a stark message on a Hamilton billboard, days after a devout Christian woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse in a bedroom for months, waiting for his resurrection.

"We hope that anyone, if they've been shocked by the decision to keep a body in their home, will stop and consider what they are keeping in their own kitchens and refrigerator," PETA spokesman Dan Carron said. "We're hoping that the billboard is going to help make something good come out of a very sad story."

That's unlikely, said York



Animal-rights activists hope to put this stark message on a Hamilton billboard after a woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse for months while waiting for his resurrection. CONTRIBUTED

University marketing professor Alan Middleton. Middleton said extreme messaging is a hallmark of PETA advertising and often only mobilizes the group's hardcore supporters.

In 2003, PETA ran an ad campaign comparing the treatment of Jews in the Holocaust to the treatment of

animals on factory farms.

Meanwhile, PETA said it's in "negotiations" with five companies to run the new ad. Four of those companies, however, either don't have billboards in the Hamilton area or didn't know about the request when contacted by Metro.

Randy Otto, president of

Pattison Outdoor, one of the companies PETA said it has contacted, was unaware of the proposal. He wouldn't comment on whether his company would run that kind of ad but said Pattison is a member of Ad Standards Canada and abides by their rules.

Ad Standards Canada ad-

ministers a national advertising code of conduct, which in part prohibits ads that undermine human dignity.

Earlier this week, Hamilton's Kaling Wald pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to notify police that her husband's corpse was in their home.

Peter Wald had diabetes

and died about six months ago after his left foot became infected. He had refused to go to hospital, believing instead that God would cure him, according to court records.

"His wife is a devout Christian, and her faith tainted and warped her better judgment," assistant Crown attorney Janet Booy said this week.

Ottawa makes being put on hold less annoying



Ottawa musician Rolf Klausener plays during the launch of the city's #ottmusik project on Thursday. Ottawa is asking local musicians to submit samples to play over the city's phone lines. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO IN OTTAWA

People who have endured elevator muzak while waiting on the City of Ottawa phone lines will soon get a musical break.

The city launched its #ottmusik campaign on Thursday — asking Ottawa musicians to submit music samples the city will play over the phone while callers are on hold.

So those waiting to pay for a parking ticket might hear the Acorn or the Hilo-

trons, rather than cheesy Kenny G-esque saxophone music.

"Why not listen to Ottawa music on the Ottawa phone line instead of some canned music from Las Vegas?" asked Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson.

Watson said that the city lines can be clogged up with up to 400 calls if there's a snowstorm and people want their roads plowed.

While this initiative may

not produce record album sales for local musicians, Watson said it could give those artists a little boost.

If a caller likes what she hears while on hold, she can check out the city's website and find out who the artist or band is.

Ottawa musician Rolf Klausener called it a "very simple but meaningful initiative."

"It would be much, much easier and probably cheaper

to just put muzak on," he said. "But for a little bit more cost, you can engage the local music scene, which is really strong in the city."

Anyone can send song samples through the Ottawa city website, and a committee of professional musicians will narrow it down to 20 songs to recommend for the phone systems. So tune those guitars — musicians have until Jan. 12 to apply.

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Ali Imran Raja on behalf of Jamie MacGillivray, counsel for the Plaintiff, Xiang Nan, in this proceeding, moves for an order to be removed as counsel for the Plaintiff, Xiang Nan.	
Time and place	
The motion is to be heard by a judge on December 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the morning in Chambers. The moving party has set the motion for hearing in a half-hour or less in Chambers. The moving party says that the motion will not require more time.	
References	
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Boy held gun on abuser. Sex offender gets 3 years

A B.C. Supreme Court justice sentenced a Maple Ridge sex offender was sentenced to three years in prison, after he was held at gunpoint by a then-10-year-old who was sexually abused by the man.

Now in his 40s, the victim testified he was sexually abused in 1983 by Richard Elbertson Richardson while Richardson was babysitting him and his older brother.

The victim used Richardson's rifle and held him at gunpoint in his Maple Ridge house until the brothers' mother arrived, the court was told.

Richardson was convicted in May of sexually abusing the young boy and his older brother, who was 15 at the time.

In the intervening years, Richardson was convicted of sexual assaults in Port Coquitlam in 2005, 2009, and 2011.

Mitigating factors

The judge took into account the fact that Richardson had suffered a brain injury in a car accident when he was five years old. He was then placed in the Woodlands School in New Westminster, where Richardson was physically and sexually abused by staff and other "inmates."

The court was told that the two brothers suffered in shame for years but the younger brother contacted police a few years ago after seeing a police notice about Richardson.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Bruce Greyll sentenced Richardson to three years in prison for his sex crimes involving the brothers.

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Workplace. Three in 10 Canadians are sexually harassed at work: Poll

Three in 10 Canadians say they have been on the receiving end of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or sexually charged talk while on the job or at an office function — but the vast majority prefer to deal with it on their own rather than report it to an employer, says a new Angus Reid poll.

And for approximately one million workers (mostly women) in Canada, the experiences are recent — within the last 24 months — despite the current climate of heightened awareness amid the explosive, ongoing allegations against

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'60s scoop

Lawyer, plaintiffs ask government to acknowledge loss of cultural identity

The federal government needs to admit thousands of aboriginal children were robbed of their identities during the so-called '60s scoop, and stop fighting against a class action suit seeking damages, the lead plaintiff and her lawyer said Thursday. Their comments follow a Divisional Court ruling dismissing Ottawa's attempt to have the \$1.3-billion class action thrown out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Effort against ISIL

No civilian deaths in Canadian airstrikes: Military

The Canadian military is confident that no civilians have been killed to date as a result of its airstrikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a spokesman said Thursday. That assurance came as the country's joint operations command revealed details of two additional bombing missions on Nov. 28 and Nov. 30. Canada has 69 special forces troops advising Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq. THE CANADIAN PRESS



B.C. poultry farms under quarantine

A poultry farm under quarantine because of a outbreak of avian influenza is pictured in Chilliwack, B.C., on Thursday. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency now says that there are now four farms in the Fraser Valley under quarantine due to this outbreak. Dr. Harpreet Kochhar, Canada's chief veterinary officer, said federal and provincial government agencies will be looking for any sign the virus has moved beyond those four farms. Kochhar said it's still not clear how the birds at the first two farms were infected. The agency focused on the additional farms because they had each received birds from the Chilliwack chicken operation. All of the birds at the four infected farms that are still alive will be euthanized.

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Bill S-7 under fire

Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act. Bill seeks to keep polygamists out of the country and prevent forced marriages

The need for — and even the name of — a new Conservative bill aimed at barring polygamous and forced marriages came under fire Thursday in the Senate.

Bill S-7, entitled the "Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act," amends immigration and criminal laws with the aim of keeping polygamists out of Canada and preventing women and girls from being married against their will.

"We wish we could say in the Canada of 2014 that these were no longer challenges for us domestically," Immigration

Title an issue

"In that title, if you wanted 'barbaric cultural practices' — which probably wasn't going to be my choice — but if you wanted that, I wished you had added something like 'violence' in there."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, talks about the title of Bill S-7.

Minister Chris Alexander told the Senate human rights committee.

"But as we know from communities across the country and from the daily fact of violence against women, there remain challenges and we remain duty-bound to act against them."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk raised concerns, however, that the government's stated goal of combatting violence risks being overshadowed by the bill's dramatic title.

However, Alexander defended the name. The fact it

has already generated debate means it's already doing its job, he argued.

"What is a barbaric practice? It is a practice that is unacceptable; it is a practice that involves violence that is in many respects indiscriminate, gratuitously meted out, behind closed doors, where women and girls are defenseless, whereby whole families conspire to ensure underage women lie about their age, take part in a forced marriage," he said.

Andreychuk later said if the government does believe violence against women is addressed by the title of the bill,

she is satisfied with it.

The new law would deny entry to Canada to those seeking to practise polygamy, which is illegal in this country.

It would also require "free and enlightened consent to marriage" and sets a federal minimum age for marriage at 16; a threshold that wasn't already enshrined in law.

It also makes it an offence for anyone younger than that to be taken out of Canada to be married elsewhere.

That's a direct reference to the polygamous community of Bountiful, B.C., where it's long been believed that teenage girls are shuttled back and forth to the U.S. for marriage.

Four members of that community are currently facing charges in relation to that practice under existing Canadian laws, but past attempts to obtain a polygamy conviction in Bountiful have failed.

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Harper in no rush to fill vacant Senate seats



Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's in no hurry to fill vacancies in the Senate.

Harper said he's not hearing much popular support for naming new members to the upper chamber, where 16 of the 105 seats remain empty — and the Conservatives still hold a healthy majority.

"I don't think I'm getting a lot of calls from Canadians to name more senators right

about now," Harper said Thursday.

Harper's enthusiasm for the Senate — more specifically, reforming or abolishing it — was also festered in April when the Supreme Court of Canada made it clear that Senate reform would require substantial provincial blessing.

His latest comments were prompted by concerns raised by newly appointed Senate

Speaker Pierre Claude Nolin, who said he believes the shortage of senators is affecting the chamber's productivity.

"Is it affecting the proper functioning of the institution? Yes, I think it is," said Nolin.

From the government's standpoint, the sole purpose of the Senate is to pass legislation — a role Harper said it's able to carry out just fine.

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Serial killings. Most recommendations from Pickton inquiry have been enacted, B.C. says

British Columbia's government says it has taken action on 75 per cent of the recommendations made two years ago after a public inquiry into the Robert Pickton serial killings.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton says the actions are helping vulnerable women and include expanding cellphone service along the so-

called Highway of Tears, a remote stretch of northern highway where women and girls have disappeared.

Anton says the government has also passed legislation that helps police find missing people and some of the children of missing and murdered women have received \$50,000 compensation payments.

Pickton was convicted in 2007 of the second-degree murders of six women and was sentenced to life in prison, although he admitted to killing 49 women and the DNA or remains of 33 were found on his farm.

A commission of inquiry into the Pickton case made 63 recommendations in De-

cember 2012, including funding a 24-hour centre in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside for sex workers and starting a transportation service along the Highway of Tears.

Anton says the government continues to work on improving transportation options along that stretch of highway. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cyberbullying brothers jailed

Impact 'devastating'

Two 17-year-olds harassed girl, 14, demanding sexually explicit images

Two Manitoba brothers have been sentenced to 16 months in jail after what a judge called a "relentless attack" of cyberbullying and sexual exploitation designed to "exploit, demean and humiliate" a 14-year-old girl.

Judge Donald Slough said a friend of the brothers met the girl on Facebook a year ago. In his written sentence released Thursday, Slough said the man told the victim to send him nude pictures or "he would do something to her."

When she sent him a picture of her exposed breasts, the man demanded she send more explicit pictures or he would send her nude picture to everyone in the community, Slough said. She complied.

The brothers, who were 17 at the time and cannot be named, found out about the pictures and started harassing the victim, Slough said.

"The communication was

intense and relentless, occurring both day and night," the judge wrote.

"The accused, acting in tandem, alternatively flattered and abused the victim, demanding progressively more explicit images; instructing the victim as to what sexual acts she was to perform and digitally record."

The brothers distributed the photos through social media, Slough said.

The brothers were arrested in May and pleaded guilty to four charges including sexual touching and possession and distribution of child pornography.

Slough said the impact on the 14-year-old has been "devastating and long-lasting." The girl went "from being happy to being deeply troubled."

Experts say this kind of "sexortion" is becoming more common. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection recently warned it is seeing an alarming increase in the number of teens who are sharing sexual images of themselves and then being extorted, sometimes for money.

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Filipino villagers flee as typhoon nears region devastated last year

Typhoon Hagupit.

Might make landfall in Eastern Samar province on Saturday

Villagers in the central Philippines fled coastal homes and triggered panic-buying in grocery stores and gas stations as a fast-approaching powerful storm brought back nightmares of last year's deadly onslaught by Typhoon Haiyan.

Typhoon Hagupit — Filipino for "smash" — was packing sustained winds of 205 kilometres per hour and gusts of up to 240 km/h over the Pacific, about 700 kilometres off the country's eastern coast. Forecasts show it may hit Eastern Samar province on Saturday and barrel inland along the same route where Haiyan levelled vil-



Residents of Leyte province, Philippines, evacuate to safer ground on Thursday. PAUL CINCO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ges and left more than 7,300 dead and missing in November last year.

Haiyan survivor Emily Sa-

gales said many of her still-edgy neighbours in central Tacloban city, which was ravaged by Haiyan, packed

their clothes and fled to a sports stadium and the safer homes of relatives. Long lines formed at grocery stores and

gas stations as residents stocked up on basic goods, she said.

"The trauma has returned," the 23-year-old Sagues said. In the wake of last year's typhoon — which killed her mother-in-law and washed away her home — she gave birth to her first child, a girl, in a crowded makeshift clinic filled with the injured and dying near the Tacloban airport.

"It's worse now because I didn't have a baby to worry about last year," she said.

"The sun is still shining, but people are obviously scared. Almost all of our rooms have been booked," said Roan Florendo of the Leyte Park hotel, near San Pedro Bay in Tacloban. The military was put on alert, evacuation centres were opened and food, medicine and body bags were sent out.

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Second time around?

Haiyan demolished about a million houses and displaced about four million people in the central Philippines. Hundreds of residents still living in tents in Tacloban have been prioritized in an ongoing evacuation.

- Hotels in Tacloban, a city of more than 200,000 people still struggling to recover from last year's massive damage, were running out of rooms as wealthier families booked ahead for the weekend.

- Cabinet secretary Mario Montejo said Thursday it was almost certain the typhoon would slam into the eastern coast.

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Chechnya. Capital city attacked by Islamic militants

Police waged hours-long gunbattles with Islamic militants who attacked Chechnya's capital Thursday, leaving at least 20 people dead and underscoring Russia's vulnerability just as President Vladimir Putin used patriotic and religious imagery in his state-of-the-nation address to defend his standoff with the West.

The clashes in Grozny, the city's biggest in years, dented a carefully nurtured image of stability created by Chechnya's Kremlin-backed strongman after two separatist conflicts. The new violence raised fears of more attacks in Chechnya and widening unrest in the rest of Russia's volatile North Caucasus region.

The Kavkaz Centre website, a mouthpiece for Islamic militant groups operating in the North Caucasus, carried a link to a video by an individual

Details

The insurgents in Chechnya and other Caucasus regions want to create an independent state governed by their strict interpretation of Islamic law. Some Caucasus militants have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join up with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. ISIL has vowed to launch attacks in Russia, but there have been no indications to date that it has followed through.

claiming responsibility for the attack. The man in the video said he was operating on orders from Emir Khamzat, reportedly a nom de guerre of Chechen warlord Aslan Byutukayev. The claim could not immediately be verified. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Yemen. Branch of al-Qaida threatens U.S. over hostage

Al-Qaida's in Yemen released a video Thursday, after an American hostage was the target of a rescue attempt by U.S. special forces last month, warning Washington not to try again, and giving it three days to meet unspecified demands.

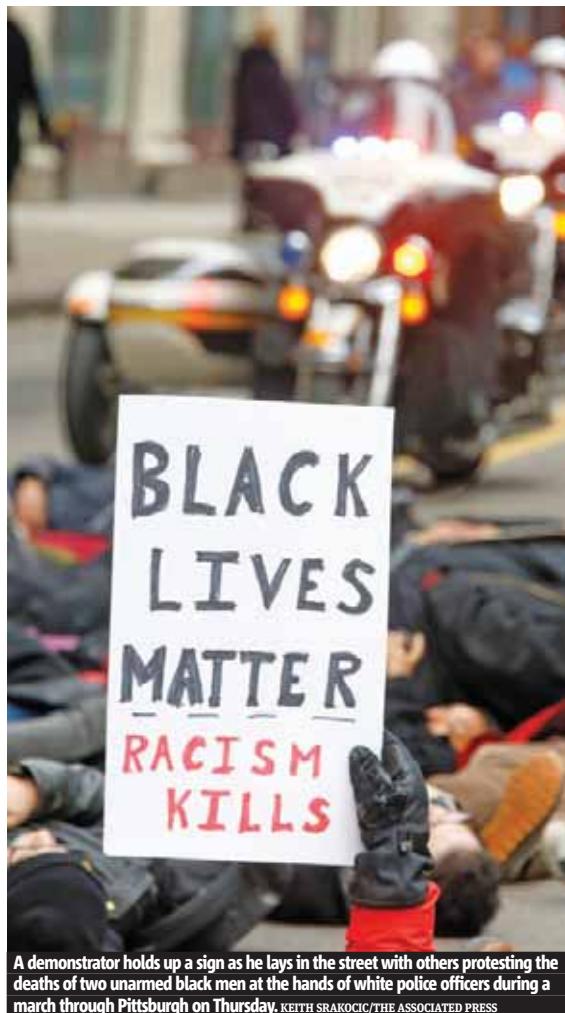
"My life is in danger," photojournalist Luke Somers says in the footage, which appeared to mimic hostage videos released by al-Qaida's rival, the Islamic

State of Iraq and the Levant. It was the first word from the 33-year-old since he was snatched from the streets of Sanaa more than a year ago.

A statement by Pentagon press secretary Rear Admiral John Kirby acknowledged for the first time Thursday that a raid last month had sought to rescue Somers but that he turned out not to be at the site.

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Civil rights leaders decry decision in chokehold case



A demonstrator holds up a sign as he lays in the street with others protesting the deaths of two unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers during a march through Pittsburgh on Thursday. **KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Death of Eric Garner. Second non-indictment of a police officer in as many weeks prompts civil rights groups to march on Washington

Civil rights leaders Thursday decried the grand jury decision not to charge a white police officer in the chokehold death of a black man and announced plans for a march and a summit on racial justice in Washington later this month.

National Urban League President Marc Morial said the lack of an indictment in the death of Eric Garner was "a travesty of justice."

The decision Wednesday not to bring charges against Officer Daniel Pantaleo triggered protests around the country and sent thousands into New York's streets, where they marched, chanted and blocked traffic. Po-

Hillary Clinton weighs in

Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday the U.S. criminal justice system is "out of balance" and she supports federal reviews of the police-involved deaths of unarmed black men in Ferguson, Mo., and New York City.

lice said 83 people were arrested, mostly on disorderly conduct charges.

Pantaleo's lawyer and police union officials argued that the grand jury got it right, saying that the officer used an authorized take-down move — not a banned chokehold — against a man who was resisting arrest. And they said Garner's poor health was the main cause of his death.

About 20 civil rights leaders met behind closed doors Thursday at the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network headquarters. Sharpton said a civil rights summit will be held following a Dec. 13 march in Washington. He said the topics will include education and boycotts.

The Garner case — combined with the decision by a grand jury last week not to charge the white officer who shot and killed unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. — stirred a national conversation about race, police training and the grand jury process.

Garner, 43, died after a scuffle broke out July 17 as officers tried to arrest him for selling untaxed cigarettes on the street. The medical examiner ruled that Pantaleo's chokehold on Garner contributed to his death.

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Cosby seeks dismissal of suit by woman claiming underage abuse

A woman suing Bill Cosby for sexual battery attempted to sell a story about the comedian to a tabloid a decade ago and tried to extort money in exchange for her silence, Cosby's attorney said in a court filing Thursday.

Attorney Martin Singer wrote in the filing that the lawsuit by Judy Huth and her attorney followed a failed attempt to extort \$250,000 from Cosby. In the filing, Cosby seeks monetary damages from Huth and her attorney.

The filing comes two days after Huth sued, claiming the comedian forced her to perform a sex act in 1974 when she was 15. The incident occurred in a bedroom of the Playboy Mansion after Cosby gave Huth and a 16-year-old friend alcohol, according to her lawsuit.

Her lawsuit stated she dis-



Bill Cosby. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

covered only recently that she had suffered psychological damage as a result of the incident, which under California law allows the filing of the case.

The filings state that Singer and Huth's attorney, Marc S. Strecker, had several conversations about the allegations in the weeks before the lawsuit

was filed. Strecker first demanded \$100,000, then raised the demand to \$250,000 in order to keep from filing a lawsuit on Huth's behalf, Singer wrote.

In recent weeks, more than a dozen women have alleged that Cosby drugged them and sexually assaulted them.

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South Carolina ex-cop who killed unarmed man charged with murder

A white man who was the police chief in a small South Carolina town was charged with murder Wednesday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man nearly four years ago.

Richard Combs worked in Eutawville — population 300 and one-third of that black — when Bernard Bailey came to Town Hall to argue about his daughter's broken-taillight ticket in May 2011. Combs tried to arrest Bailey on an obstruction of justice charge, prosecutors said. Bailey marched back

outside to his truck, and Combs tried to get inside. The two briefly fought, and then the police chief shot Bailey, 54, twice in the chest in his pickup.

Combs said at an earlier hearing that he was tangled in Bailey's steering wheel as he tried to shut off the ignition and feared for his life if Bailey drove away.

But prosecutors said Combs was the aggressor, following Bailey as he tried to get away.

State investigators began reviewing the shooting in March 2013 after a U.S. Justice De-

partment investigation determined Combs did not violate Bailey's civil rights. In August 2013, state prosecutors charged Combs with misconduct in office, which carries a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The indictment issued Wednesday gives no indication of why the state decided to seek a murder charge, which would carry 30 years to life in prison if Combs is convicted. Prosecutors didn't return messages, and Combs' lawyers were not immediately available.

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Chimp not entitled to human freedoms

Animal rights.

Appeals court affirms that chimpanzees do not deserve basic rights such as freedom from imprisonment

A chimpanzee is not entitled to the rights of a human and does not have to be freed by its owner, a New York appeals court ruled Thursday.

The three-judge Appellate Division panel was unanimous in denying legal personhood to Tommy, who lives alone in a cage.

A trial-level court had previously denied the Non-human Rights Project's effort to have Tommy released. The group's lawyer, Steven Wise, told the appeals court in October that the chimp's living conditions are akin to a person in unlawful solitary confinement.

Wise argued that animals with human qualities, such as

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"Needless to say, unlike human beings, chimpanzees cannot bear any legal duties, submit to societal responsibilities or be held legally accountable for their actions."

From the decision, written by a three-judge appeal-court panel

to say, unlike human beings, chimpanzees cannot bear any legal duties, submit to societal responsibilities or be held legally accountable for their actions."

That, they ruled, makes it "inappropriate" to grant the rights of a human to the animal.

The Nonhuman Rights Project said it will appeal to the state's top court, citing other New York appeals-court rulings it says are at odds with Thursday's decision.

Tommy's owner, Patrick Lavery, said Thursday he was pleased and expected the ruling.

Tommy, believed to be about 40 years old, is a former entertainment chimp who was placed with Lavery about 10 years ago. Lavery said Tommy is cared for under strict state and federal licence rules.

The court noted there have been no claims that Tommy has been mistreated or any of those rules have been violated. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Prisoners crochet to honour Mandela

Ahead of the first anniversary of Nelson Mandela's death, inmates at the Zonderwater prison east of Pretoria, South Africa, have been making brightly colored blankets to commemorate the anti-apartheid leader who became the country's first black president. The prisoners have crocheted the blankets as part of a charity project for poor communities. **THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Florida

School accused of promoting deceit

Prosecutors say a for-profit Florida college used exotic dancers as admissions officers, falsified documents and coached students to lie on financial forms as it fraudulently obtained millions in federal money.
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'Miracle'

Toddler recovering in Polish hospital

A Polish toddler found unconscious in sub-freezing temperatures hugged a teddy bear and called for his parents after only four days of treatment, his mother said Thursday, while his doctor described the boy's recovery as "a

miracle."

Adam, 2, spent an unknown number of hours outdoors in southern Poland. His body temperature was only 12.7 C, and his heart was beating extremely slowly when hospital treatment began early Sunday. He is recovering and breathing on his own.
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San Jose police dismantle homeless encampments



Yolanda Gutierrez, a two-year resident of a homeless encampment known as the Jungle, holds a sign in protest in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday. Police and social workers on Thursday began clearing away one of the nation's largest homeless encampments, a cluster of flimsy tents and plywood shelters that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley.

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The Jungle. Despite a Monday notice stating they had to leave by Thursday, about 60 people were left yesterday morning

Police and social workers on Thursday began clearing away one of the largest U.S. homeless encampments, a cluster of flimsy tents and plywood shelters that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley.

Authorities have been try-

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"People drive by and look at us like we're circus animals."

Nancy Ortega, resident of the homeless encampment known as the Jungle

ing for years to resolve problems at the camp known as the Jungle, including violence and unsanitary conditions.

On Monday, people living in the camp were given until Thursday to leave or face arrest for trespassing. By Thursday morning, about 60 people were left at the garbage-strewn site.

Nancy Ortega sobbed as she watched tractors load garbage into trash trucks.

Then a passing motorist shouted at those who had just been evicted.

"People drive by and look at us like we're circus animals," she said.

A few dozen protesters gathered at the site holding signs reading "Homeless people matter" and "Stand With The Jungle." No arrests were reported.

With the camp cleared, officials planned to try to find shelter for the night for people connected with social services, although anyone not linked to a program still had to leave.

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IN THE MATTER OF *The Land Titles Clarification Act*, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1989, Chapter 250, as Amended, Section 5(7).

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Montana shooting

Man's adrenalin was high when student was shot: Attorneys

A Montana man's attorneys said in court Thursday his adrenalin was sky-high and was defending his home when he fired a shotgun four times into his garage in April, killing a 17-year-old German exchange student.

In opening statements at Markus Kaarma's murder trial, Montana prosecutors argued Kaarma was the aggressor and he lured Diren Dede into his garage by leaving the door partially open and a purse inside.

The trial has become another test of "stand your ground" laws in the U.S. The laws make it easier for people to avoid prosecution in a shooting by saying they felt imminent danger. Dede, from the German city of Hamburg, was not carrying a weapon.

The German government is closely following the case and condemned the shooting as disproportionate to any risk posed to Dede. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wind gusts, valve issues delay NASA Orion launch



NASA's Orion spacecraft, atop a United Launch Alliance Delta 4-Heavy rocket, sits on the launch pad before its first unmanned orbital test flight from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Thursday. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wind gusts and sluggish fuel valves conspired to keep NASA's new Orion spacecraft on the launch pad Thursday, delaying a crucial test flight meant to revitalize human exploration.

NASA aimed for another shot Friday morning as tens of thousands of disappointed and weary launch guests hustled out. The weather report was iffy — forecasters expected higher winds, clouds and rain — but managers were optimistic the wind direction would shift in their favour.

United Launch Alliance's Dan Collins, who's in charge of the unmanned Delta IV rocket, said he was confident the valve trouble, seen before on a previous mission, could be quickly overcome.

"The team was absolutely on their game, listening to everything the rocket was telling us, and it ultimately told us it wasn't ready to go today," Collins told reporters. "And so we'll go make sure we've got a happy rocket ... and send Orion off to a very, very successful test flight."

Orion is how NASA hopes to send astronauts on round trips to Mars in the decades ahead. This inaugural flight, while just 4 1/2 hours, will send the unmanned capsule 3,600 miles into space.

It's the first attempt to send a spacecraft capable of carrying humans beyond a couple hundred miles of Earth since the Apollo moon program.

NASA's new countdown clock made its debut, although excessive wind and a cargo ship resting inside the site's danger zone delayed launch. One of the first-stage rocket boosters had valve trouble.

Altogether an estimated 27,000 guests gathered for the

historic send-off — roads leading into Kennedy Space Center were packed well before dawn. Astronauts in attendance included Anna Fischer, one of NASA's original space-women, and now assigned to the Orion program. She too was disappointed by the delay, but said "It's way more important to have a successful flight."

"It was so much fun to come out here and have that same atmosphere as before a shuttle launch," Fisher said. "We really miss that. That's why we're here. This is what we love." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Dollarama. Discount store facing rising costs

Dollarama is facing rising costs, including higher minimum wages, new duties on imports and the inflationary impact of a lower Canadian dollar.

"We're hearing about even price increases on incoming inbound freight from the Orient," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday during a conference call to discuss third-quarter results.

The Montreal-based retailer said labour costs are rising as five provinces have increased minimum wages by an average of 2.5 per cent and a lower loonie is driving the cost of imports that fill its store shelves higher.

Costs are also expected to rise when tariffs increase on many imported products from China and other countries starting in January.

Dollarama said it plans to offset the higher costs by improving its efficiency rather than cutting jobs.

"You have to appreciate that the dollar store business is a labour-intensive business," Rossy told analysts.

Despite the challenges, the discount retailer beat expectations as its profits surged on improved same-store sales. It earned \$73 million for the three months ended Nov. 2. That compared to \$61.7 million a year earlier.

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Lawsuit over toilet breaks

Work. Woman alleges pregnancy and gender discrimination after being told she was taking too many bathroom breaks

nancy and gender discrimination.

It says when Steckmann was pregnant with her first child in 2011, she asked a supervisor whether she should go off the clock because she was urinating more frequently, and was told that wasn't necessary.

During her second pregnancy in 2013, restroom visits were more frequent because of a bladder condition caused by her first pregnancy, and "she would not even have had time to clock out to use the restroom without an accident," the suit says.

In June 2013, Steckmann was called to a meeting with her supervisor and a human resources manager who asked why she was not clocking out for restroom breaks. Her supervisor claimed he had told Steckmann she needed to clock out. The human resources manager told Steckmann that for all he knew, she could be watching movies in the bathroom, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges preg-

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An Oregon woman is suing her former high-tech employer for more than \$400,000 US, contending she was fired while pregnant with her second child after being told she took too many restroom breaks.

The suit filed in circuit court says Dawn Steckmann and other employees were never told they needed to clock out before using the restroom at Maxim Integrated Products, The Oregonian reported. The company makes wafers for wireless devices at its plant in the Portland suburb of Beaverton.

Maxim lawyer Melissa Healy declined comment, citing the pending litigation.

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Alix Box, President and CEO of Second Cup, sits at the "slow bar" at a redesigned Second Cup Coffee outlet in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Giant backlog

L.L. Bean duck boot too popular

Demand for L.L. Bean boots is surging — so much so that some customers will have to wait until February to get their holiday purchases.

A backlog of 60,000 orders of the rubber-bottomed, leather-topped "duck boot" could grow to 100,000 by month's end.

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Diapers, baby wipes

Amazon launching line of baby gear

Amazon is launching its own line of diapers and baby wipes exclusively for its Prime members in the U.S. to get more shoppers to sign up for the \$99 US annual program.

The new line, Amazon Elements, will mean tougher competition for traditional consumer product companies, said Bernstein Research analyst Carlos Kirjner, and they may have to change the way they sell and price their own goods.

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Giving a jolt

Starbucks aims to speed up lines

Starbucks plans to let customers across the U.S. order ahead of time on their smartphones over the next year, a move that should help keep lines in check as it pushes more snacks, sandwiches and even wine.

In select areas, the chain also plans to offer delivery by late 2015.

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By Rebecca Kohler

I'd write an open letter to open letters if I could stomach writing an open letter. I find it difficult to read one without cringing at least once.

I can't quite put my finger on why, but I guess it's that they're publicly private in a way that makes me uncomfortable; like a drunk wife berating her husband for his lack of table manners in front of dinner guests (think Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?). It's not that I have a problem with people publicly voicing their opinions (clearly, I write a column that appears on a page of the paper called "Voices"), it's that I wonder why you would feel the need to make it personal.

We've seen a rash of open letters this year — Sinead O'Connor to Miley Cyrus, Jian Ghomeshi's TMI opus to the world — and this week that rash looked like it needed some ointment.

Last week we had that (really dumb) one from Republican Party communications director Elizabeth Lauten to the Obama girls. In it, Lauten admonished Sasha and Malia for not having enough "class" while attending the Turkey Pardon. First of all, give those kids a break — I'm sure they'd rather be hanging out with friends than their dad and an undercooked piece of poultry. Second, Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page? I guess it's classy enough to warrant your resignation.

We also saw an O.L. from model Arisce Wanzer to Kendall Jenner. The bitter tirade scolds Jenner for not having had to work as hard as other models to find success.

"Take a moment and remove yourself from your current situation ... to a life that isn't riddled with excess and only hearing the word 'yes,'" Wanzer writes.

I get it, yes: People with golden horse-shoes up their genetically superior rear ends are irritating, and I'm always in the mood

Leave them alone

Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page?

for a good Kardashian bashing. But this isn't Kendall Jenner's fault, it's the modelling industry's. They're the ones that gave Jenner the work. Aside from this letter revealing that you're insecure and sour (let's face it, you're probably really hungry), you've also aimed your letter at the wrong target. Besides, Kendall is so rich, she probably can't even read.

On Wednesday, the National Post printed an open letter from Canadian musician Dave Bidini to Joni Mitchell. In it, he references a recent Maclean's article in which Mitchell said a lot of uncomplimentary things about her fans, and a few too many complimentary

things about herself. It's true, she sounded like a cow with a sore udder. Though I agreed with Bidini, I was still getting that uncomfortable open-letter feeling.

But then I thought, "Maybe this was the only appropriate format." How else would Bidini pitch that to the National Post? "I want to write an article about how Joni Mitchell is a piece of poo." So maybe sometimes open letters are necessary?

That said, I'm still firm on my original stance. I find open letters masturbatory — they're basically talking to themselves — condescending, and self-aggrandizing.

So, here's an open "note" to open letter writers: If you don't know someone well enough to have their mailing address, chances are, they don't know you well enough to care what you think.

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Happy face/Sad face

From reissued birth notices to whack decrees by dictators, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Ever see adorable Girl Guides selling cookies and panic when you realize you don't have cash? If you live in the U.S., that panic's a thing of the past. The American equivalent, Girl Scout cookies, are going online for the first time ever. Sadly, Canadian guides aren't following suit, but that doesn't mean we can't be happy for our friends south of the border.



ABSURD EDICTS

In crazy dictator news, North Korea has made it illegal to go by Kim Jong-Un — the name of the country's young and eccentric leader. And in China, puns have been banned in an effort to stifle government dissent — or as the government would say, prevent "cultural and linguistic chaos."



GOOD SAMARITAN POLICE IN TENNESSEE

When a Salvation Army shelter in Tennessee turned away a family of five because it said their teen son was too old for the family wing and too young for the men's wing, they faced a frigid night in their car. That's when the local police stepped in. Officers pooled their cash and took them to a hotel for the night. When the hotel clerk insisted on camping the family in their room, officers used the cash to buy the family groceries.



FAKE PREGNANCY HEIST

A couple is accused of using a fake pregnancy belly to hide items they stole from an electronics store north of Toronto. The alleged act was caught on camera. Shame for co-opting the miracle of life for greed. But points for creativity, we guess.



PARENTS OF TRANSGENDER TEEN

An Australian couple is getting high-fives from around the world after re-issuing a tear-jerking birth notice for their transgender teen: "In 1995 we announced the arrival of our sprocket, Elizabeth Anne, as a daughter. He informs us that we were mistaken. Oops! Our bad. We would now like to present, our wonderful son — Kai Bogert. Loving you is the easiest thing in the world. Tidy your room." *sniff*

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Onscreen sizzle a real-life fizz

Casting. Despite strong sparks in their film pairings, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper insist there is no romance off-screen, just like many popular movie couples

Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence first paired off in *Silver Linings Playbook* — he was a divorced substitute teacher, jailed for beating his wife's boyfriend half to death; she was a troubled widow who needed his help to win a dance competition — and sparks flew.

Next they shared scenes, but no romance, in *American Hustle*. And, this weekend, they make it a trifecta with the release of *Serena*.

Based on the novel by Ron Rash, Cooper and Lawrence play husband and wife lumber barons whose marriage becomes strained after she suffers a miscarriage.

Despite having shared love scenes in movies, Cooper says they have kept the romance onscreen.

"I mean, first of all, I could be her father," he says.

The re-teaming of Cooper and Lawrence in *Serena* proves that lightning does not always strike thrice.

The "it" couple had chemistry to burn in their previous pairings but fail to set off sparks here. As George and Serena they are ruthless and selfish, which should be the stuff of interesting characters, but the story throws so many hurdles their way that eventually it becomes one big, boring blur.

Some onscreen couples, however, have managed to



Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper play married lumber barons in *Serena*. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE



Serena

Director. Susanne Bier

Stars. Jennifer Lawrence,
Bradley Cooper

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Jennifer Lawrence plays the title character, the ambitious wife of George Pemberton (Bradley Cooper), a lumber baron struggling to keep his business afloat in Depression-era North Carolina. A miscarriage drives a wedge between them, a rift exacerbated by the arrival

of a son George fathered by another woman. *Serena* has all the makings of an epic story. Betrayal, jealousy, murder and money swirl around the central characters, but instead of combining to create a compelling narrative, the elements collide in a big bang of schlock. From the broad southern accents to the dirt-smeared Rhys Ifans as *Serena*'s violent lap dog, everything about this movie seems to verge on caricature.

keep the flame alive through several films.

After a 16-year separation, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan — the pre-eminent cinema sweethearts of the 1990s — will reunite in the World War II drama *Ithaca*.

The three rom coms that made them superstars, *Joe Versus the Volcano*, *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail*, were fuelled by the platonic chemistry they share in real life.

"He makes me feel less alone," says Ryan.

Kate Winslet and co-star Leonardo DiCaprio are so close in real life that her children refer to him as Uncle Leo.

As *Titanic*'s star-crossed lovers Jack and Rose, they defined romantic tragedy for a whole generation before recoupling 11 years later in the feel-bad love story *Revolutionary Road*.

Despite what fans thought, their friendship never turned romantic off-screen. "He always saw me as one of the boys," said Kate.

Despite falling in love over and over again in movies like *The Wedding Singer*, *50 First Dates* and *Blended*, Drew Barrymore says she and Adam Sandler have exchanged nothing more than a "church kiss."

"That's probably why we've been able to stick together all these years," she says, "because there never was that awkward moment."

The lesson learned is that chemistry off-screen often leads to good results on the screen, but not always. Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe fogged up the lens in *Some Like It Hot*, but reportedly did not like one another.

"It was like kissing Hitler," said Curtis.

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Director's debut an ode to Copenhagen

Interview. Toronto's Mark Raso travelled across the ocean to set his tale of wanderlust

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As a young filmmaker, it's an arduous endeavour just to make a low-budget movie. But it's a whole other challenge to shoot it in a foreign country.

"We just met fantastic people who were willing to go on this adventure with us," said director Mark Raso about his acclaimed debut feature Copenhagen.

"It wasn't difficult at all — people were welcoming, the city opened itself up to us, the tourism board got involved with the film and we just had a lot of love from the city."

A hit among critics, Copenhagen (which premieres in Toronto/available on VOD elsewhere this Friday) follows an obnoxious college-age tourist (played by HBO's Game of Thrones star Gethin Anthony) who

Quoted

"We shot in the town square on a Thursday night and we were stopping for drunk people every 30 seconds as they were mooning the camera."

Director Mark Raso on shooting his film in Copenhagen

wanders Denmark's titular capital looking to uncover his long lost grandfather. Instead, the irascible Canadian traveller meets a tempting, beautiful stranger that's wise beyond her teenage years.

"The interesting thing with our main guy is that in our first draft, he was this nice, lovable guy and the story didn't work," explained the Toronto-born auteur.

"I kept on pushing him and making him meaner and nastier to a point where I think some people just want to turn the movie off after the first 10 minutes. But it seemed to work for the overall story."

Following in the footsteps of Richard Linklater's Before Sunrise trilogy or Sarah Pol-



Gethin Anthony stars in Copenhagen, which opens in Toronto this weekend and VOD. CONTRIBUTED

ley's Toronto-centric Take This Waltz, Copenhagen is as much a love letter to the film's European setting as it is a romantic relationship drama. "I really love the youthful energy of the city," said Raso, before noting that Copenhagen's "youthful energy" also led to a couple

of dodgy days on set.

"We shot in the town square on a Thursday night and we were stopping for drunk people every 30 seconds as they were mooning the camera," laughed Raso. "But we just waited them out and finished up in the morning."

Behind the scenes

- His 2011 short film Under may have won a prestigious Student Academy Award, but Raso didn't feel under pressure with his debut feature. "Under was such a complicated film that (Copenhagen) was a little bit easier in a way," said Raso. "I found around Day 9 or 10 on Copenhagen, I really got into a groove and things became easier and easier."

Michael Murphy puts order to ambiguity

Interview. Canadian filmmaker Terrance Odette says veteran actor brought shape to moral tale that delves deep into faith

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In the forthcoming film Fall, actor Michael Murphy plays a kindly priest whose life descends into moral chaos after he receives a cryptic letter from a one-time teenage parishioner — a tragic tale that director Terrance Odette admits is somewhat based on a true story.

"(An) incident happened to me when I was 14 and the letter is something that I never did write but it's something I felt I would've," said Odette ahead of the film's To-

ronto release this weekend (available on VOD the same day).

"That's the inspiration for starting the story, but I wasn't interested in any kind of autobiographical story.

"I was using the incident and reflecting on this man."

In fact, Odette admits he didn't even truly discover the drama's ambiguous narrative until Murphy came onboard.

A long-time admirer of the character actor's 50-year career appearing in everything from Woody Allen's classic Manhattan to recent thriller White House Down starring Channing Tatum, Odette insists the film only found shape with the reluctant collaborator.

"Truthfully, I liked what he wrote, but I thought they'll never make this movie," explained Murphy.

"I thought this is good,

but I've spent my career doing movies about guys who are challenged morally, (but Odette) brought a great gift of a starring role in the kind of picture I want to make because it's cinematic acting."

It's also not the first movie Odette has written with deep questions surrounding faith.

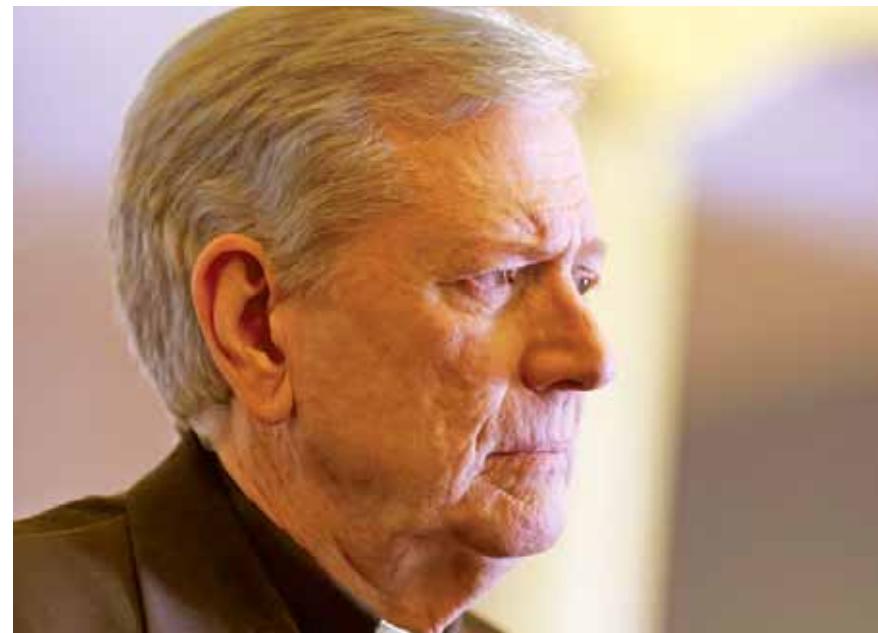
In 2002, Odette earned attention for Saint Monica — a modest festival hit about a young girl obsessed with angels and her Roman Catholic upbringing.

"I'm just harvesting from my own experience and what interests me," explained the Hamilton, Ont.-based filmmaker of his interest in religion.

"It's part of me.

"I'm a person who is fascinated by philosophy; fascinated by why and how people think spiritually.

"It's simply where I mine from."



Michael Murphy plays a priest coping with moral chaos in Fall. CONTRIBUTED

More on Fall

- **Murphy on his initial hesitation.** "I had mixed feelings about it. First of all, I'm old and cynical now," said Murphy. "(And) I thought, do I really want to do a picture that is ostensibly about child molestation?"
- **Murphy on Fall's place in cinema.** "To me, (Fall) is a flashback to the art films we used to watch when I was at college," said 76-year-old Murphy. "Not that this is hard to understand — but it's ambiguous as hell."

The Oscar race this year is already something of a head-scratcher, and right at the centre of it is a surprisingly light field of best actress contenders. Despite a clear front-runner — Julianne Moore for her devastating performance in *Still Alice* — the category is looking a bit thin. Here's a look at the contenders:

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A look at a light year of best actresses



The shoo-in

Julianne Moore, *Still Alice*

Seriously, Moore's toughest acting job now is continuing to be surprised each time she nabs a trophy between now and February 22. She's basically this year's McConaughey.



The sure-thing nominations

Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*

People might have come for a glimpse at Ben Affleck's junk, but they stayed for Pike's surprising, chilly performance.

Reese Witherspoon, *Wild*

Previous winner Witherspoon turns in a solidly harrowing performance in *Wild*, but it falls just short of the mark.

Felicity Jones, *The Theory of Everything*

It took some time for critics to see past the brilliance of her co-star — and another shoo-in nominee — Eddie Redmayne, but Jones should be recognized as well for her stellar work as Stephen Hawking's first wife, Jane.

The strong possibilities

Hilary Swank, *The Homesman*

Two-time Oscar winner Swank has been looking for that comeback vehicle to bring her a third trophy for a while, and this one came close, but maybe voters just weren't in the mood for a gritty frontier drama this year.

Jennifer Aniston, *Cake*

While some have dismissed Aniston's turn in this indie as little more than makeup-free stunt-casting, she shows some impressive dramatic chops — which anyone who's seen *The Good Girl* or *Friends* with Money already knew.

Might we also recommend

Scarlett Johansson, *Under the Skin*



If the Academy wanted to play things a little riskier, it could recognize the *Avengers* star's transformative — and nearly silent — work in Jonathan Glazer's hypnotic and eerie science-fiction thriller.

Emily Blunt, *Into the Woods*

It might be tough to single out anyone in this sprawling ensemble as a "lead," but Blunt comes closest as the Baker's Wife. And she's a standout in that big cast, holding her own against Meryl Streep, even.

Drama



Rosewater

Director: Jon Stewart

Stars: Gael García Bernal, Kim Bodnia

Rosewater is based on The New York Times best-selling memoir *Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival*, written by Maziar Bahari. The film marks the directorial debut of *The Daily Show* host Jon Stewart, and stars Gael García Bernal. Rosewater follows the Tehran-born Bahari, a broadcast journalist with Canadian citizenship.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 73% Audience: 91%

Comedy



Corner Gas: The Movie

Director: David Storey

Stars: Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller

As the town of Dog River goes bankrupt, the residents of the town must pack up and move out. However, our favourite citizens make one last-ditch effort to save Dog River.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: +100%

Documentary



Citizenfour

Director: Laura Poitras

Stars: Edward Snowden

In January 2013, Poitras was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four," who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. The man turned out to be Edward Snowden.

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Captain Martin Crieff, Cabin Pressure

As a young pilot with more passion than skill for flying, Cumberbatch is the earnest straight man of the BBC radio comedy Cabin Pressure, which will arrive at the end of its alphabetical journey with a Christmas special this month. He plays the overeager, rule-happy heart of a small private charter firm of one jet and a supporting cast who love him almost as much as they love to make fun of him.

**Khan, Star Trek Into Darkness**

Although Star Trek Into Darkness began as a seemingly straight-up story of a space-age terrorist out to do as much damage to Starfleet as he can, Cumberbatch's villain Khan turned out to have a much more personal agenda when it was revealed that he was merely trying to free his crew, who had been imprisoned by a Starfleet officer. Cumberbatch goes from fury to tears as Khan is revealed to have been manipulated into killing in the name of keeping the peace.



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times Benedict Cumberbatch did not play an arrogant, but flawed genius

The Creature, Frankenstein

Over the course of Danny Boyle's stage adaptation of Frankenstein, Cumberbatch's Creature struggles with being made of human parts but knowing little of what it means to be one. The Creature rejoices and struggles with, in equal measure, himself, the world and his creator, veering between love and fear, leading him to the most human act of all: revenge.

**David, Wreckers**

Trees are never the only thing that's shady in the English countryside. The idea that those who go to the city are escaping something is alive and well in Wreckers, where a young couple return to David's childhood home to start building a life together. But as soon as they arrive, Cumberbatch becomes less devoted husband and more a product of the abuse and incest that permeate the town — and his relationship with his brother.

**Christopher Tietjens, Parade's End**

Cumberbatch has described his character in this First World War drama as the one he's most attached to. Christopher Tietjens is a simple man who values

tradition and lives life by the rules, in his duty as a soldier and as a husband to a manipulative Rebecca Hall (*The Prestige*). It's a philosophy that makes his encounter with a suffragette and all that a new life with her would entail fraught with anticipation. This one made more than a few stiff upper lips quiver, and earned Cumberbatch an Emmy nod.



WWII hero saved millions, but few know his name

The Imitation Game.
Alan Turing invented a computer that cracked Nazi codes, but he was later arrested and castrated for being gay

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Mathematician, statistician and early computer scientist Alan Turing was a British war hero, but no one knew until years later because no one was supposed to know.

Under the cloak of secrecy at Bletchley Park, the U.K.'s cypher and spy school, he invented the electromagnetic machine. It was an early computer that broke the German Enigma code and intercepted military messages, assuring an Allied victory. When Turing's work was

finally revealed, Sir Winston Churchill called it "the greatest single contribution to the Allied victory over the Nazis."

Turing may have saved millions of lives and shortened the war by two to four years, but he was arrested for being gay, a crime in the U.K. until 1967, and was forced into chemical castration. It led to his early death in 1952.

Benedict Cumberbatch plays the tragic hero in Morten Tyldum's *The Imitation Game*, with Matthew Goode and Allen Leech as his Bletchley Park colleagues. They hope to bring Turing's heroism to a new generation.

"There are huge amounts of people that don't know about him," says Cumberbatch. "And (they are) even more important than those who do — people who appreciate what he achieved and stood for, both as a gay icon and as a genius who basically was at the forefront of the birth of the computer age and a war hero."

"The number of people who don't know about him, or only have a scant idea of him, is in extraordinary proportion to his achievements and what he endured in his life. So my kind of weight and responsibility tends towards wanting this to get to



Benedict Cumberbatch plays Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game*. CONTRIBUTED

as broad an audience as possible."

Turing is portrayed as being a loner and difficult to work with, perhaps for fear of being outed. Goode and Leech found that their real life counterparts, Hugh Alexander and John Cairncross, were wary of him.

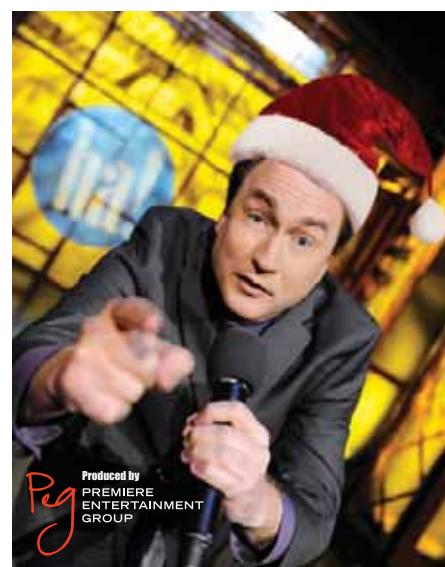
"He's not the easiest man to like, which is something I liked about Benedict's acting choices," says Goode.

Cumberbatch, Goode and

Leech agree Turing was dealt an unfair hand but feel the film is a celebration of his life and work.

"Not just the Enigma Code, but about this man and the team around him — this incredible man who has never been given the proper accolades he deserves," says Leech.

"It's a celebration of why different is good, why different can win a World War," Goode adds.



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Gabrielle Miller and Brent Butt star in *Corner Gas: The Movie*. CONTRIBUTED

Gang has five days to rescue Dog River

Corner Gas: The Movie. Big-screen adaptation of popular sitcom will only play in theatres for a week before moving to TV and a DVD release

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Metro in Hollywood

Six years after *Corner Gas* called it quits on the small screen, the citizens of Dog River are back and bigger than ever.

Corner Gas: The Movie will play in theatres for five days before moving to television and then a DVD release, all in time for Christmas.

"It's all very fast," says star Brent Butt. "I don't think it has ever been done before."

The pace of the film's release schedule may be accelerated, but Butt and company took their time bringing the show from television to the big screen.

"When we wrapped the series up, the notion was, 'It would be great if we could come back one more time

to do a movie,'" he says. "We didn't know if we could come up with a script that would justify doing the movie. It's weird. If you are trying to convert a known 22-minute project that has a known rhythm and characters, and try and make that live over 90 minutes, it's a trick. You can't do that easily. You can do it poorly easily, but to do it well is tough."

The film sees the good folks of Dog River attempting to save the town from bankruptcy by winning the Quaintest Town in Canada contest.

"One of my first thoughts was, 'Will it just be like a really long episode?'" said series star Fred Ewanick, who plays Hank. "Because that would suck."

"When I first got the script, right away, I thought, 'It's a feature script. That's good.' It's still *Corner Gas*, we're not going to knock anybody's socks off, and it is not this whole new thing, but it works as film."

"I agree with that," chimes in Gabrielle Miller, who plays Lacey on the show. "Except we are going to knock your socks off."

The film comes almost six years after the 107th and

Quoted

"We didn't know if we could come up with a script that would justify doing the movie. It's weird."

Brent Butt, *Corner Gas* star

final episode of the popular sitcom aired.

"It felt like we had just been on a really long hiatus," said series regular Tara Spencer-Nairn, who plays Karen.

"We were all just a little bit older. All the men had to get their hair coloured. On the first day, all the girls were in hair and makeup tests and the boys all went to get their hair coloured."

The cast fell right back into their roles, despite the long break, but Butt said this may be the last time they are all in Dog River together.

"I'm a never-say-never kind of guy, but the plan isn't to do another one."

Fans shouldn't give up hope, though. When co-star Fred Ewanick suggests another related project, Butt's eyes brighten.

"*Corner Gaspades?* I could work with that."

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Bonding time with the Spectre set

British actress Naomie Harris, left, French actress Lea Seydoux, British actor Daniel Craig, Italian actress Monica Bellucci and Austrian actor Christoph Waltz will star in the next James Bond film Spectre, in a new outing promising a strong dose of 007 nostalgia. The movie — titled after a global criminal organization featuring in the early Bond films — will be shot in Mexico City, Rome and Tangiers and will also see Britain's famous spy returning to the ski slopes, in Austria, director Sam Mendes said on Thursday at Pinewood Studios. AFP

Bad guys club

Will Smith, Jared Leto, Tom Hardy suit up for Suicide Squad

Will Smith, Jared Leto and Tom Hardy are suiting up for DC Comics' supervillain team-up film Suicide Squad.

Warner Bros. confirmed the much anticipated casting of the film in an announcement Tuesday.

Smith will star as Deadshot, Hardy will play the group's leader, Rick Flagg, and Leto will take on the Joker, following in Heath Ledger's footsteps.

The rest of the gang will be Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn; Jai Courtney as Boomerang; and Cara Delevingne as Enchantress.

David Ayer, who recently released the Second World War tank thriller Fury, will write and direct.

Suicide Squad is to be released in August 2016.

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Animated short. Frozen franchise shows no signs of cooling as film announced

Frozen favourites Anna, Elsa, and Olaf are headed back to the big screen in a new short film.

Walt Disney Animation Studios announced Wednesday it plans to show Frozen Fever in front of the live-action

Cinderella that opens in theatres March 13.

The short reunites the Oscar-winning directing team from Frozen: Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck.

It will tell the story of Elsa and Kristoff's attempt to plan a birthday party for Anna.

Frozen is the fifth-highest grossing film of all time, with over \$1.27 billion worldwide, and it continues to resonate with audiences.

Disney has had massive success with live-action updates of its animated



classics, including 2014's Maleficent. But the promise of a Frozen short with Cinderella will likely prove to be icing on their fairy tale cake.

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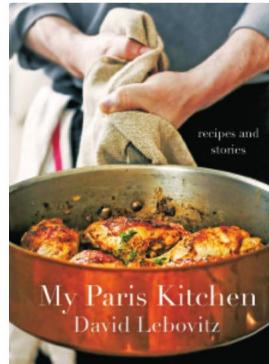
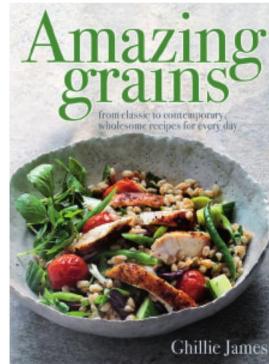
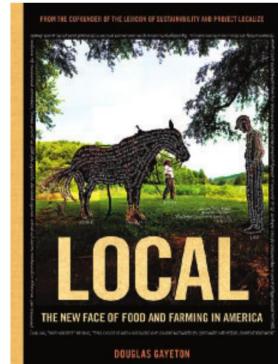
Books. The best food books of 2014 are all about cooking with exotic ingredients and trendy world cuisine

Geeks, grains and globe-trotting: Nearly all of this year's best food books seems to fall into one of those categories.

For those of us who watch the food world, there is some logic to that. Chefs have become fascinated by the hows and whys of cooking, delving into the science of the kitchen to find new ways to master delicious. Publishers are finally learning how to make food science sexy to the home cook.

Meanwhile, we're always searching for the new "it" food. Wacky grains got their moment this year. And since ethnic is mainstream, cookbooks that help us grasp global cuisine hit a splendid pace.

So whether you're in the market for a gift or just looking to bulk up your own collection, here are some picks for the best food books of 2014:



The geeks

Most cookbooks dedicated to cooking science miss the mark, assuming readers are either would-be lab jockeys hankering for esoteric ingredients or obsessives who will not rest till they master roasted chicken. That leaves the rest of us scratching our heads.

But Cooking Light magazine columnist Keith Schroeder understands average cooks can benefit from food science, too. His cookbook, *Mad Delicious: The Science of Making Healthy Food Taste Amazing*

(Oxmoor House, \$35), gently and comically guides readers through 126 everyday classics, explaining what to do and why. And his recipe format is genius. Each ingredient is accompanied by a brief explanation of its role in the recipe. The result: You learn just by assembling your shopping list.

On the hardcore end of the spectrum is Tyler Florence's *Inside the Test Kitchen* (Clarkson Potter, \$35). He blows up conventional thinking on classic recipes, coming up with creative ways to do the basics.

better. His egg-roll omelette alone is worth the price.

The grains

If brown rice and barley still count as exotic in your kitchen, it's time to catch up. Running parallel to vegetables getting sexy, unusual grains, seeds and legumes are suddenly hot, and more available. But most folks find them intimidating.

It's not enough for cookbooks to explain how to use unusual ingredients. They need to inspire you to want to.

And that's why Molly Brown's Grains (Hardie Grant Books, \$34.95) and Ghillie James' Amazing Grains (Kyle Books, \$29.95) stand out. Both build comfort with the unfamiliar as well as making you eager to

The globe-trotters

The globe-trotters
As the world gets smaller, our culinary reach broadens. Numerous wonderful books want to help us make sense of it all.

For the big picture, we have David Joachim's *Global Kitchen* (Oxmoor House, \$29.95).

another entry under the Cooking Light banner. It is simply a gorgeous book that immediately captures the beauty and breadth of world cuisine. The recipes make it enticing to embrace new dishes.

For anyone hankering for a Parisian fantasy, start with David Lebovitz's *My Paris Kitchen*. A blogger and author who moved from the U.S. to Paris a decade ago, he makes French cooking accessible.

England's Nigel Slater offers up Eat (Ten Speed Press, \$27.99), a collection of 600 straightforward dinner ideas that are global in scope, but midweek-friendly in manner. This book, organized by cooking method, should live on your counter.

Finally, global in thought, if not in geography, is Douglas Gayeton's *Local: The New Face of Food and Farming in America* (Harper Design, \$35). This stunning book tells the story of sustainable food via profiles of dozens of thinkers, growers and producers. Anyone who cares about food will care about this book.

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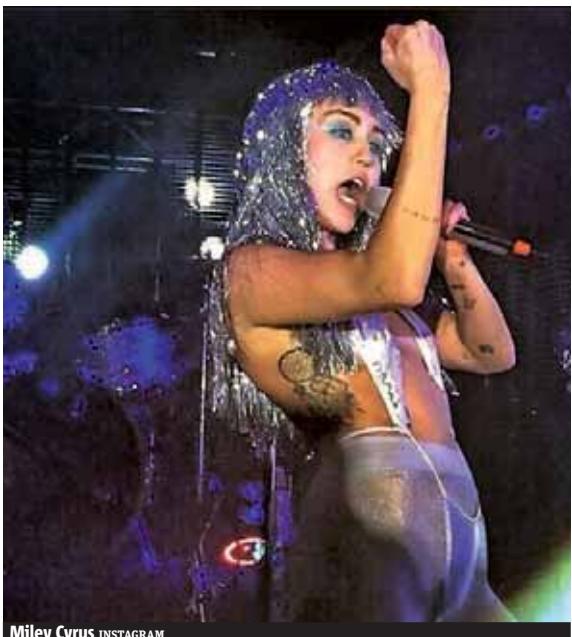
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Miami has itself a merry little Cyrus as Miley brings the silver and bold

What would the holidays be without a little tinsel? Or a lot, for that matter.

While down in Miami for Art Basel, Miley Cyrus decked her halls with a silver tinsel wig, sheer silver tights and glittery mirror ball pasties — oh, and a silver over-the-

shoulder thong, which I didn't know was actually a thing.

She performed at the annual event's opening night party, telling the crowd, "You thought this was a respected place where you could escape me?" 'Tis the season, y'all.

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I just ate airport salmon in case anyone wants to propose to me



In the ongoing conflict between home living guru Martha Stewart and self-styled upstart Gwyneth Paltrow, Rachael Ray has decided to be the Switzerland.

During a visit to Watch What Happens Live, Ray was pressed to take a side in the dispute and chose to remain neutral.

"I'm on team food. I think everybody who likes to eat has a different take on it and everybody's opinion should be respected," she tells Andy Cohen.

"I love Gwyneth Paltrow. I think that she is very devoted to everything she puts her mind to, and I think she is really a brilliant cookbook author. She writes in many different disciplines."

And Stewart?
"I have to have noth-

ing but respect for Martha Stewart. She is a forerunner. I wouldn't have a job without the people who came before me ... Martha Stewart created an avenue for women who work in lifestyle television — period. You have to have respect for all people's opinions ... in my opinion."

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The way to Burt's art is through ex Loni's auction

If Burt Reynolds can auction off a whole bunch of personal junk, then so can ex-wife Loni Anderson.

The former WKRP in Cincinnati star is looking to unload nearly 65 items she received from Reynolds over the years, including a nearly-nude portrait of Anderson.

"He loved art, so he would go pick out a favorite artist and then he would commission them to do a portrait of me," Anderson says. "So pretty soon, there are a lot of portraits of me."

So, um, any takers?



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Ho! Ho! Hoax! Axl Rose may be over 50 but he ain't dead yet

Good news for Guns N' Roses fans! The reports of singer Axl Rose's death have been greatly exaggerated.

A fake MSNBC report — much like the recent hoax claiming Macaulay Culkin had perished — went out recently claiming that Rose, 52, had been found dead in his West Hollywood home.

But while totally bogus, the hoax did raise at least one question for the man himself: "If I'm dead do I still have to pay taxes?" he tweeted. Personally, I'm still



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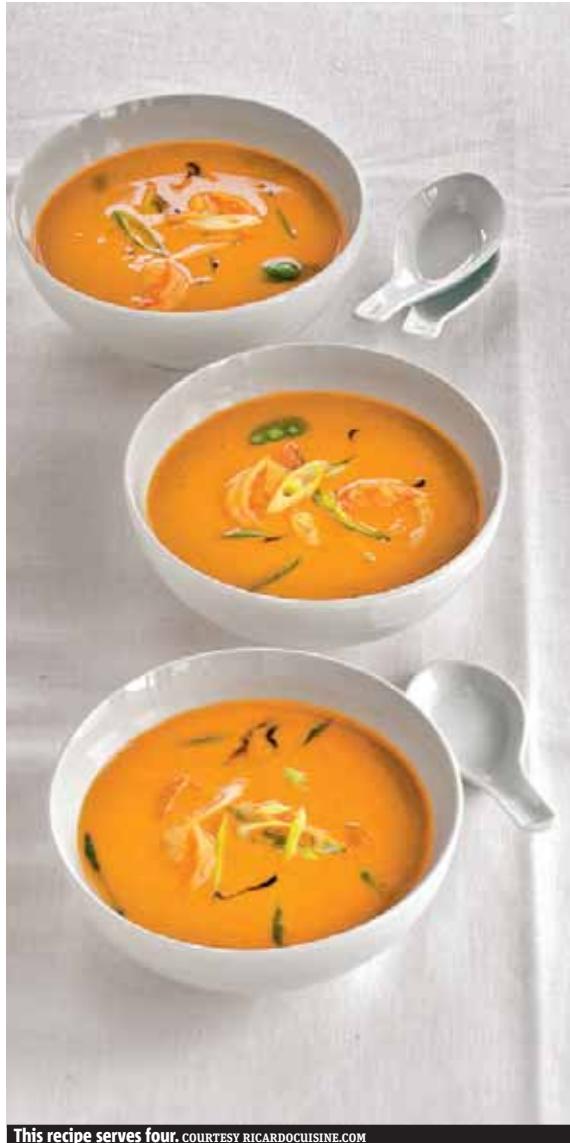
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Turn up the heat



This recipe serves four. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

For a taste of the exotic, just add curry and coconut milk

1. In skillet over high heat, sauté the onion and bell pepper in oil until soft and golden brown. Add the chicken, garlic and spices and sauté for about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Add the coconut milk and honey. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently until the chicken is cooked

through, about 8 minutes. Adjust the seasoning.

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, cut into 10 wedges
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and cut into squares
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into cubes
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- Salt and pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey

3. Serve with rice.
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This soup is so quick to prepare that it's worth serving as a meal-in-a-bowl.

1. In a large saucepan, brown the shiitake mushrooms and jalapeno pepper (or pepper sauce) in the oil. Season with salt and pepper. Add the garlic, fresh ginger, tomato paste and curry powder, paprika and cinnamon, and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add the coconut milk, chicken broth, snow peas (or broccoli), lime zest and lime juice. Bring to a boil and simmer gently for about 3 minutes or until the peas are al dente.

3. Add the shrimp and bring to a boil. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes or until the shrimp are cooked. Adjust the seasoning. When ready to serve, garnish with green onions.

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Ingredients

- 8 shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped, or hot pepper sauce, to taste
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato paste
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- 2 tsp ground paprika
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 cans (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups snow peas, cut lengthwise into three strips or broccoli florets
- Grated zest of 2 limes
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) shelled raw shrimp, with or without the tail
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced diagonally



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I'm not sure where the year went, but here we are in chilly December dreaming of summer and a wine to warm up our evenings. Port tops my list.

The last to comply, Canadian wineries have finally agreed to leave its name off their labels, so the term port will only appear on bottles from its true homeland of Portugal.

Winemakers in Canada have chosen the term "tawny" to identify their fortified wines that pay homage to the real stuff.

In the wine world, port is an odd duck. Best served with only a slight chill, its boozy bouquet and muscular punch of berry doesn't play well with novice palates.

Pigeonholed as an after dinner sipper, its stand alone sensibility works brilliantly with blue and cheddar cheeses, almonds, walnuts, dried fruit and chocolate.

Warre's Otima 10 Year Old Port (500 ml, \$22.90 - \$27.99) is a 21st-century take on a true tawny. Bright and fruity, with a relaxed flavour flow, it's a tasty way to embrace winter. **PRICES**
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This recipe makes four servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

While trimmed trees and wreath-adorned doors offer an instant infusion of holiday style, these decorative displays are often dismantled mere weeks after being put in place. Design experts share tips on selecting trendy and traditional decor items that can be featured prominently well into the New Year.

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Bend the Yule with seasonless accents

Rustic chic. Into the woods

It's time to bring the great outdoors in-house, as nature-inspired elements are proving to have evergreen appeal.

The last five years have seen a resurgence in rusticity and reclaimed furnishings channelling the vintage, country look, said Ottawa-based interior designer and Rona expert Ulya Jensen.

From prints on pillows to forms fashioned from glass, Jensen said images of animals are "huge in decor," evidenced by whimsical woodland creatures displayed as ornaments.

"You could take a couple of the owls, a couple of the birds and set them in a little ficus tree that you might



Birch tree candle holder
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have on your condo patio for year-round," she said.

Jensen said replacing a bowl of Christmas balls with acorn ornaments can make a really nice centrepiece that conjures a "very woodsy, rustic feel. A cluster of birch tree candleholders in varying heights can also work well as a focal point in a small space, she noted.

"That would be big impact but not necessarily to have to sprawl all over the apartment to get it, but those I love because that is year-round, for sure," she said.

Birch tree candle holder
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Timeless decor

Go glam with Art Deco-inspired pieces

Steeped in black with metallic accents, Art Deco-inspired geometric prints may channel the Roaring '20s, but offer a timeless alternative to seasonless style.

Homesense design expert Tamara Robbins Griffith said a ceramic vase adorned with a graphic pattern can serve as a great centrepiece pre- and post-holidays. While the festive season is in swing, it can be used to house a floral arrangement of wintergreens, later shifting to a



Art Deco mirrored boxes
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mantel or sideboard as a solo statement piece, she noted. Geometric-patterned cushions also team well with pillows that bring the bling with embroidered, hand-beaded designs that can be used as a luxurious accent well into winter.

Beyond tea lights

Whitewashed with an antique appeal, these metal Sadi Lanterns from EQ3 can be used as a tabletop light, patio decor or for a touch of ambient light around the house.

Sandra Farfan, in-house designer at EQ3, suggested displaying berries, fern leaves or birch tree branches inside as a festive centrepiece. EQ3 FURNITURE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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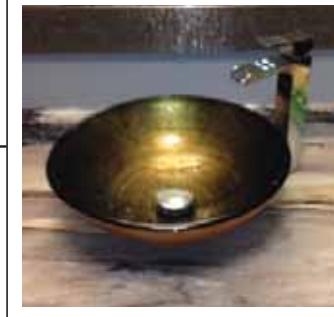
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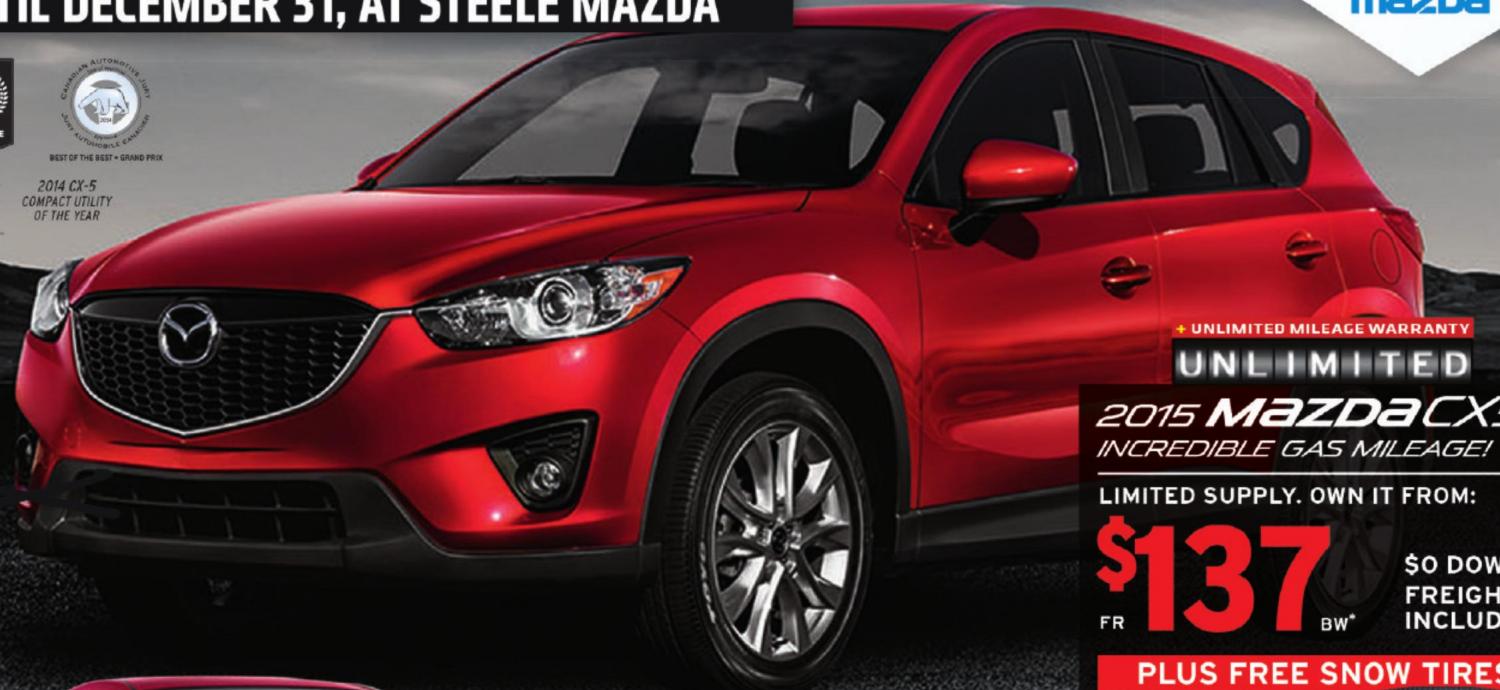
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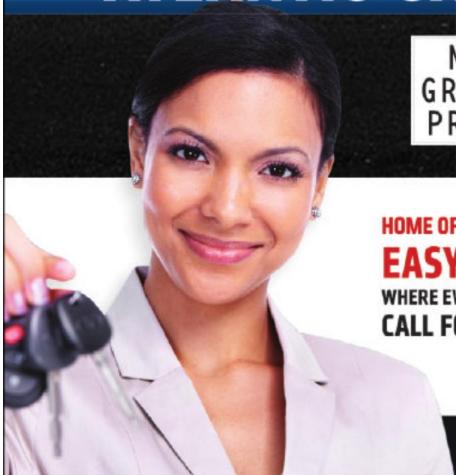
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AUS hockey

Huskies, Tigers on break until the new year

Halifax's AUS hockey teams are iced until early January.

On the men's side, the puck drops again Jan. 3, with the Dalhousie Tigers hosting the Acadia Axemen and the Saint Mary's Huskies visiting the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

Saint Mary's is tied for second, while Dalhousie is in ninth place in Atlantic University Sport.

On the women's side, the Tigers travel to play the St. Francis Xavier X-Women on Jan. 9, while the Huskies welcome the Mount Allison Mounties on Jan. 10.

Dalhousie sits in fifth, while Saint Mary's is tied for sixth place of AUS standings. METRO

AUS basketball

Dalhousie men's team enters 2015 atop standings

Atlantic University Sport basketball is on a breather until after the holidays.

Both the men and women Dalhousie Tigers visit the UPEI Panthers for a double-header, while the male and female Saint Mary's Huskies travel to Fredericton for two games against the UNB Varsity Reds on Jan. 9 and 10.

The male Tigers are in first place, while the Huskies are tied for fourth place in AUS standings.

The female Tigers are in third place, while the Huskies lead the AUS heading into the new year. METRO



Justin Tubbs CONTRIBUTED

Linemates could be foes on world stage

Mooseheads. Ehlers, Meier hoping to rep Denmark, Switzerland, respectively, at WJC



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Linemates Nikolaj Ehlers and Timo Meier are the latest Halifax Mooseheads to get called by their countries.

Import forwards Ehlers and Meier, the Herd's offensive leaders with 43 and 38 points,

respectively, found out Thursday they've been invited to attend upcoming selection camps for their national junior teams.

Ehlers will represent

Denmark, which rejoins the top division after winning gold while relegated last season, while Meier plays for Switzerland, which hopes to improve upon seventh place when the puck drops on the world junior championship this holiday season in Toronto and Montreal.

"I talked to my agent, and he talked to the national team coach, and they sent me the letter today," 18-year-old Meier of Herisau said of his first time on the world junior stage, following Mooseheads practice Thursday.

"Under-20 is a really high level," said Meier, who was tied for 15th in points heading into Thursday's games in



Halifax Mooseheads forward Nikolaj Ehlers will represent Denmark at the world junior championship. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the QMJHL. "It's nice to get the chance to play against other countries."

Meier could face off against Moose teammate Ehlers and goaltender Zachary Fucale of Canada at the annual tournament, set for Dec. 26 to Jan. 5 at NHL arenas the Air Canada Centre and Bell Centre.

"It's always a big battle between us when we're not on the same team," Meier said of taking on Ehlers, who he creates slick passing plays with on the ice and has great camaraderie with off the ice.

"Hopefully, I can score against Fucale," he added of Fucale, who was one of just two netminders named to

Team Canada this past week.

Ehlers got a text message from mom Thursday, prompting him to check his email, which is how he found out he's been asked back to Denmark's national junior camp. He expects the roster to be officially unveiled in the next couple of days.

"It's going to be fun," the 18-year-old Aalborg native said of potentially playing against his linemate when Denmark and Switzerland hit the ice Dec. 30 in Toronto for round-robin action.

"It's pretty cool that we've got three guys that are even going," said Ehlers, who was tied for fourth in QMJHL scor-

First things first

Ehlers and Meier agreed Thursday they'll focus on their Halifax Mooseheads games before worrying about world junior selection camps later this month.

- The Moose, tied for fourth place in the QMJHL's Maritimes Division, host the Charlottetown Islanders at 7 p.m. on Friday and the Saint John Sea Dogs at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

ing. "It takes a lot to get called, and get on the team."

Rainmen shower points in road win

The Halifax Rainmen exterminated the Saint John Mill Rats on the road Thursday night, snagging their fourth win of the season by defeating the competition 124-102 on the opposition's home court at Harbour Station.

The Rainmen started off strong, with an eight-point run early in the game to help seal a 27-18 lead after the first quarter. They were also ahead 61-47 going into the second half.

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Rainmen

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Mill Rats

The Mill Rats were able to narrow the gap on the scoreboard briefly in the third quarter, but the Rainmen

didn't hold back their offensive efforts, heading into the fourth and final quarter with a strong 91-73 lead.

Guard Justin Tubbs grabbed a double-double, scoring 26 points and pulling down 11 rebounds to lead the Halifax Rainmen.

Anthony Anderson led Saint John with 31 points, adding seven assists.

The Rainmen improved to 4-3 while the Mill Rats fell to 4-6. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Upcoming games

The Rainmen hit the Harbour Station court again on Dec. 11 for a 7 p.m. rematch against the Mill Rats.

- They will return to their hometown on Dec. 14 to host the Island Storm (5-4) at 2 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre.

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SPORTS



Brodeur's Blues debut spoiled

Nashville Predators left wing Gabriel Bourque has his shot blocked by St. Louis Blues goalie Martin Brodeur on Thursday. Mike Ribeiro scored a goal and had two assists, and the Predators spoiled Brodeur's debut with the Blues by beating St. Louis 4-3. MARK ZALESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Canucks loving life on the road

The Vancouver Canucks are having fun on their longest road trip of the season.

That is more than can be said right now for the injury-riddled Pittsburgh Penguins.

Brad Richardson scored two goals and added an assist, and backup goalie Eddie Lack posted his fifth NHL shutout to lift the Canucks to a 3-0 win over the short-handed Penguins on Thursday night.

Pittsburgh, already without several regulars, lost top-line winger Patric Hornqvist with an upper-body injury midway through the second after Ryan Stanton hit him with a shoulder.

Vancouver, in the midst of a season-high, seven-game trip, won its league-best 11th road game. The Canucks, who have won five of six overall, beat the Penguins in Pittsburgh for the first time since Nov. 22, 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Irving leads Cavs to win in New York

Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 37 points, including a layup with 10 seconds left after a timeout he didn't seem to want, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New York Knicks 90-87 on Thursday night for their season-best fifth straight victory.

Irving carried the Cavs most of the game before LeBron James had five straight points late that helped Cleveland pull it out. James finished with 19 points and 12 assists.

Carmelo Anthony ended a 4-for-19 night by missing a three-pointer in the final seconds as the Knicks dropped their sixth straight and fell to 4-16.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 20 points and Amare Stoudemire had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks.

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Leafs' run of hot play betrayed by the Devils

NHL. New Jersey uses balanced attack in win over lacklustre Buds

Mike Cammalleri and Eric Gelinas scored power-play goals as the New Jersey Devils defeated Toronto 5-3 on Thursday night at Air Canada Centre to end the Maple Leafs' five-game point streak.

Stephen Gionta, Steve Bernier and Adam Henrique had the other goals for New Jersey (10-12-4).

Mike Santorelli, Nazem Kadri and Phil Kessel scored for the Maple Leafs (13-9-3), who hadn't lost in regulation since a 9-2 rout to Nashville on Nov. 18.

Both teams looked sluggish at the start of the game. There were several missed passes and some choppy neutral-zone play — it took nearly four minutes for the first shot on goal to be recorded.

With Maple Leafs blueliner Cody Franson off for interference, Gelinas scored his third goal of the season at 4:53. He fired a snapshot from the top of the faceoff circle that handcuffed Toronto netminder Jonathan Bernier.

The Devils kept the pressure on but Bernier was up to the task, making a pair of sliding pad saves to keep it a one-goal game.

Toronto's first decent shift came midway through the first period as David Clarkson's line provided some spark. Peter Holland had a couple of decent chances that Devils netminder Cory Schneider turned aside.

The Maple Leafs picked up



Michael Cammalleri, front left, scores the Devils' third goal of the game during New Jersey's 5-3 win over the Maple Leafs on Thursday at Air Canada Centre. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Maple Leafs

pass to Gionta in front, who scored his first goal at 8:00.

The Maple Leafs tied it while shorthanded when Kadri potted his own rebound at 11:14. It was his seventh goal of the season.

Cammalleri restored New Jersey's lead at 16:48 with Lupul off after a boarding penalty. He scored his 11th goal by one-timing the puck after it hit the back boards and came out by the side of the net.

In the third period, Bernier gave the Devils a two-goal cushion at 6:12 with his second goal of the season. Henrique added an insurance goal, his seventh on the campaign, at 11:58.

Tuomo Ruutu took a tripping penalty at 17:56 and the Maple Leafs pulled Bernier for an extra attacker. Kessel potted his 13th goal at 19:25 after

Game notes

The Maple Leafs continue their five-game homestand Saturday night against the Vancouver Canucks.

- New Jersey forward Jaromir Jagr and defenceman Adam Larsson were scratched due to flu-like symptoms. Devils forward Patrik Elias sat out with a groin injury
- The Toronto scratches were forward Leo Komarov (concussion) and defenceman Roman Polak (knee).

a scramble in front of the net. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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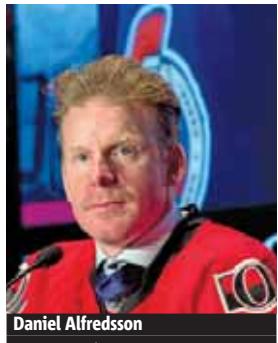
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A final farewell bid on 'Alfie Day'

Daniel Alfredsson

retires. Former Senators captain and Detroit Red Wing dons Ottawa shirt one last time to deliver emotional goodbye



Daniel Alfredsson

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Daniel Alfredsson rehearsed the speech 10 or 15 times. When he read it to a friend over the phone, he cried.

The longtime Senators Swedish captain read it one more time Thursday morning at Canadian Tire Centre with family, friends and former teammates watching. "Here we are," Alfredsson said. "Today I officially retire as an Ottawa Senator and another new chapter will begin tonight as we say goodbye to Ottawa."

Alfredsson called it a career back in the nation's capital, his "adopted hometown," the place he played 17 of his 18 NHL seasons. The captain from 1999 through 2013 who left 17 months ago to sign with the Detroit Red Wings got to put on his old red No. 11 Senators

jersey for one more day.

The 41-year-old signed a ceremonial one-day contract that will allow him to lace up his skates in his old stall and take part in pre-game warm-ups with his old team.

The Senators pulled out all the stops to honour Alfredsson on what unofficially became "Alfie Day" in Ottawa. Wife Bibbi and sons Hugo, Loui, Fenix and William, along with former teammates like Erik Karlsson and Wade Redden, looked on as the face of the franchise bid adieu, a decision prompted by lingering back problems.

Alfredsson, who had 444 goals and 713 assists in 1,246 NHL games, tried to rehab the injury. If he played one more season, it would have been for the Red Wings.

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Puchner powers to fastest training run

Mirjam Puchner of Austria races down the hill during the third training run for the World Cup women's downhill ski race on Thursday in Lake Louise, Alta. Puchner and fellow Austrian Anna Fenninger were fastest, while U.S. star Lindsey Vonn was 13th in the final training run for the season-opening World Cup women's downhill on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Boss Cohon to step down in 2015

Life after the CFL will begin in early January for Mark Cohon.

The league announced Thursday that Cohon will step down as commissioner Jan. 9 under a mutual agreement between Cohon and the league's board of governors.

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MLB

Mariners sign hard hitter Cruz

The Seattle Mariners have signed slugger Nelson Cruz to a four-year deal, adding a needed right-handed power hitter to their lineup.

Seattle announced the contract signing Thursday morning. Cruz was to be introduced at a news conference later in the day.

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Curling

Homan's team steals late victory

Rachel Homan scored one with her final stone to beat Heather Nedohin 5-4 on Thursday in a battle of unbeaten teams at the Home Hardware Canada Cup curling tournament. Homan's Ottawa team are undefeated foursome on the women's side of the draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will be your assertive self today and over the weekend. That's good because you need to let people know you're serious about your ambitions.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something you have been working hard towards is most likely not worth the effort, but that's OK. Once you accept that, you can make other plans.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The approaching full moon will affect you more than most because it takes place in your sign, and if you get through the next few days emotionally unscathed count yourself lucky!

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You seem to be on the defensive and that's probably no bad thing. Most likely no one is out to get you but it will pay you to be cautious anyway.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may be easygoing by nature but the approaching full moon warns you need to stay sharp over the next 48 hours. Also, don't say things just to make others feel good.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Anyone who thinks you lack the killer instinct will have to revise their opinion now that you have a specific target to aim for. Nothing and no one will be allowed to stand in your way.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be rather emotional over the next few days but what of it? The planets indicate your tears are just as likely to be tears of joy as tears of sorrow.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't be happy to discover that someone has been digging around in your personal affairs, and quite right too. Not that you've got a guilty conscience but your business is private.

♐ Gemini

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Your main task today is to look rationally at what is upsetting you. Stand back from your personal feelings and ask yourself if it is of any real importance. Most likely it isn't.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to focus on details today because if you do you could miss the bigger picture. You will need to look both far and deep to stay a step ahead of rivals.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Accept that something you've been working on is not going to be the success you envisioned. Chances are though you will be quite happy to call it a day as it frees up time.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may exchange a heated words with someone and the bad feeling will continue into the weekend. It will all be overcome the start of next week.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

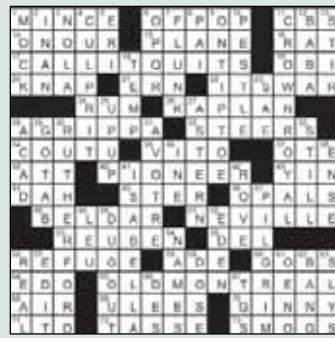
1. Canadian actress Ms. Follows
6. Cop __ (Bargain in court)
11. Platter mixture
14. Lofty layer
15. Jennifer of "Flashdance" (1983)
16. __ hurry
17. Hockey great Mr. Hull
18. Travels across Europe
20. Wrapped garment
21. Outlying
22. Basket-__ sword
23. 1981 prehistoric movie for Canadian actress Rae Dawn Chong: 3 wds.
26. Clues/trail follower
29. Joe Cocker's "You __ Beautiful"
30. __ algebra
31. Sea eagles [var. sp.]
32. Non-verbal 'yes'
35. Hosp. readouts
36. 'Tour' suffix
37. Ms. Flynn Boyle
38. Techie erase button
39. Langley and Edwards, e.g., in The States
41. The Water-__ (Aquarius)
43. Basket fibre
45. 'Small Community Big Heart' in Manitoba
46. Blue Rodeo song:

Down

2. wds.
50. Theatre workers
51. "Case of the Ex" songstress
52. __ Sea, in Central Asia
56. Navigation instruments
58. "Hard Sun" by __, aka Canadian musi-
- cian Gordon Peterson
59. __ carte
60. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
61. BC - Haida Gwaii: UNESCO World Heritage Site, __ Gwayay
62. Ottawa polit.
63. 50 Cent album: "Get Rich or Die __"
64. Checks

6. "Dancing Queen" group's
7. Rush drummer Neil
8. Lake: French
9. Manitoba village, 'An Age Friendly Community'
10. Ambitiously aims
11. French-English/ English-French book
12. Type of comic book artist
13. __ deux (Duet's dance)
19. Planet Melmac alien's
21. Canadian actor Brendan
24. Marathoner Ms. Pippig
25. Countryside sight
26. Wintertime hill ride
27. Admire
28. BC: __ River Falls Provincial Park
31. Feminine suffix
33. Baseball's Mr. Hershiser
34. Challenge
36. __ to differ."
37. ZZ Top song: 2 wds.
39. Draw
40. One using dental thread
41. "Who Let the Dogs Out" by __ Men
42. Earlier, poetically
44. Bit of choreography
46. 1986 Corey Haim film
47. Serenader's song: " __ Mio"
48. Ms. Sande of song
49. Actress Cicely
53. Nutrition amts.
54. BTO's "You __ Seen Nothing Yet"
55. Cabin-creating components
57. Knavish
58. 'Capital' suffix

Yesterday's Crossword



Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	5	8	4	2	7	9	1	3
1	3	4	8	9	6	5	7	2
7	9	2	3	1	5	8	6	4
2	8	6	7	5	1	3	4	9
9	1	3	2	6	4	7	5	8
4	7	5	9	8	3	6	2	1
5	4	7	1	3	9	2	8	6
8	6	9	5	4	2	1	3	7
3	2	1	6	7	8	4	9	5

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6	3			7	2
9	4		1		
5	8			4	9
			1		
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